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WHY CLUB SLASHED WAGES

FAVERSHAM Town Football Club chiefs have insisted there is no threat to the club despite many of the players being told they would not be paid. Determined to balance the books in the current economic climate, the club has insisted its player budget be slashed – which means some are getting nothing but the admiration of devoted fans. **FULL STORY – TURN TO PAGE 46**

BY NICK AMES

FAVERSHAM Carnival's fireworks could be set for a triumphant return next year after a ground-breaking move by police.

Members of the Kent Police Authority (KPA) have made the decision not to charge for the policing of community and charitable events.

This year's fireworks – one of the major attractions on the town's carnival day – were postponed because of the cost to the organisers of policing the event.

They were held at a later date but for many residents much of the magic of the day was lost – and the carnival procession itself was forced to take a shorter route.

Tom Gates is a Faversham and Kent County Councillor and is also on the KPA.

He is now part of a team of four who will oversee final details of the move to no longer charge for the community and charity event along with the county's Chief Constable Mike Fuller and other senior police officers.

Cllr Gates said: "This year there was confusion over the policing costs. The carnival, the fireworks and a funfair scheduled to be held on the same day were all lumped in together, creating fears over the total cost.

"That led to the postponement and curtailment of the procession.

"Now that community and charitable events are free, we shall no longer have to worry about the costs for the carnival and fireworks so they can be staged as before.

"The funfair is actually a commercial concern, so charges will still be made for policing it. But now the community events are going to be free of charge those sorts of details can be ironed out in due course.

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Farmers hope labour talks will bear fruit

■ BY NICK AMES

FARMERS are hailing a significant breakthrough in their fight to have Government restrictions on their use of migrant labour lifted.

As part of the reform of immigration law, MPs had proposed to end the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme which allows a limited number of non-EU people to enter the UK to work on the harvest of fruit crops.

But this is now a matter for review and the Government has pledged to listen to farmers' fears.

Said Charles Tassell, deputy chairman of the Kent National Farmers' Union: "This is very welcome. This is a vital issue for us."

The seasonal scheme has already seen cutbacks in licences issued for migrant workers from around 21,000 to 16,000 and many have also stopped coming to this country because of the weakness of the pound against the euro.

This year, farmers experienced severe difficulties which were due to increase dramatically unless the scheme was subject to reform.

Many said they could see a situation where valuable food was left rotting in the ground as there was no one to pick it and farms closing down.

Langdale Manor Farm, just outside Faversham, was one which was particularly badly hit.

But a debate last week saw MP for Faversham and Mid Kent Hugh Robertson put the case of the farmers to Immigration Minister Phil Woolas.

The minister has now promised to meet NFU representatives to find a solution.

Said Mr Robertson: "He acknowledged that existing plans to end the current scheme would result in a shortfall that would lead to farmers going out of business."

"This was a significant breakthrough and we hope to make fur-



WASTE: Restrictions on migrant workers means a lot of fruit was left to rot

ther progress when we meet in the New Year.

"Without this commitment from the minister the future would have looked extremely bleak for fruit farming."

Kent NFU chairman Kevin Attwood has a farm near Doddington and has been campaigning for change ever since the issue was raised.

Mr Attwood said: "The scheme had been working extremely well as the labour which came into this country was very good."

"People who came from countries – usually in eastern Europe – which had strong agricultural traditions were extremely hard working and efficient."

"It is fair to say such a level of expertise does not exist in the UK at the present time."

"But the whole issue became bound up with the wider matter of immigration and the Government decided to act on what was for us a small matter – but what is for us a crucial factor in our livelihood."

Rule change welcomed by carnival organisers

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"This is great news for the people of Faversham as the day, with its parade and fireworks, is one of the most important on the annual calendar."

"I have lived in the town all my life and attended the carnival for as long as I can remember."

"So naturally I was pleased when this new policy was adopted."

The change in regulations came at a meeting held by KPA under its chair Ann Barnes and with Mr Fuller in attendance.

The revised policy has still to be formally adopted but that is viewed by members as a "rubber stamp" and it is due to be in force by January of next year.

Mark Gilmartin, KPA chief executive, said: "The authority and force have considered the implications for charity and community events at length during the spring and summer of this year."

Faversham Carnival is one of the most historic in the UK and is very unusual in its annual autumn date with this year's event taking place on October 10.

It began in 1890 as an attempt to combine a parade with Guy Fawkes festivities – which is why the fireworks are so important.

Gunpowder plot commemorations had been so popular in the town that on one occasion in 1857 the mayor – a man named FF Giraud – had to call in troops and read the Riot Act to stop revellers.

Probe into Anne's death draws blank

EXAMINATION into the cause of death of 81-year-old Anne Gregory is still taking place.

The pensioner's body was discovered in the Iron Wharf area of the town after a search was launched. Police officers, volunteers and even a helicopter were involved in the hunt.

A police spokeswoman said: "Tests and examinations are still being undertaken so that a full report can be prepared. Then the cause of death will be ruled by a coroners' court at a hearing."

A post mortem conducted last week proved inconclusive.

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Green homes given red light by council

BY NICK AMES

PROPOSALS for Hobbit-style underground homes have been thrown out by council chiefs.

But the woman behind the innovative scheme for holiday homes says she is refusing to give up on the project.

Last week the plans were rejected at a council meeting but Maggie Berry – whose brainchild they are – has vowed to fight on.

She said there was plenty of support for the eco-friendly scheme which is unique in Kent.

The proposal for her home village of Boughton-under-Blean would have seen the first zero carbon emission homes in the county constructed in a field that was once an orchard.

They would also have been as independent as possible from mains supplies and use solar panels to generate energy.

Resembling the homes of the hobbits in the epic *Lord of the Rings* movie, the properties would have used less than a tenth of the amount of energy of the average British home.

Swale's local authority regeneration department praised the idea as "an innovative tourism product" a "unique visitor offer" and "an outstanding holiday experience".

But councillors rejected the plans after officers recommended refusal saying the development is in open country and is therefore not justified.

Mrs Berry said: "We are not leaving it there."

"I have requested a further meeting with the planners as people generally seem to think it is a good idea. One of the objections seemed to be that it was in the wrong place but in point of fact we carefully considered the siting."

"It is easily accessible from the village and



UNDERGROUND: The holiday homes proposed would be similar to those seen in *Hobbiton* in *The Lord of the Rings*

from the railway station and bus stops.

"They could all be reached by public footpaths across country, as could the shops and various other services and pubs."

"This was a very eco-friendly idea put forward at a time when green initiatives are supposedly being looked on favourably."

"So that is why we shall continue the fight to get this innovative plan accepted."

"I currently run a bed and breakfast business so I do know what people are looking for when

they want a holiday and a place in the countryside is certainly very popular with those looking for something different."

Further meetings are in the process of being organised to restart the development scheme.

However Boughton parish council is also against the idea with a spokesman saying: "It is difficult to understand who would want to spend a holiday in a half buried dwelling, in a damp field with no proper services in the middle of nowhere." Try telling that to a hobbit.

Mayor cruises over to opening

THE Mayor of Faversham was special guest on Saturday at the official opening of Hollowshore Cruising Club which is now based in Oare.

Cllr Ted Wilcox met up with members of the club, which is one of the most popular sailing groups in north Kent.

Among those Cllr Wilcox met was Jack Day, who has just completed a round Britain trip in his vessel Padiwak.

The teenager is one of the club's youngest members and left Ramsgate after his GCSEs at the end of June and headed north just before his 17th birthday. He was due back in school for the new term which started in September but was delayed by bad weather.

Eventually he rejoined classes three weeks after they started but managed to raise £5,000 for sailing charities.

Upcoming events organised by the club include a visit to the London Boat Show in January and members are publishing a book called *Where Land Meets Sea*, which covers the sea and coastline from Lowestoft to Ramsgate and includes aerial pictures of the east coast of England.

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Householder's quick thinking puts out blaze

AN electrical fault in a washing machine is believed to have been the cause of a fire at a home last week.

Firefighters praised the prompt action of the householder in Cyprus Road, who managed to extinguish the blaze before they arrived.

She pulled out the electrical plug from the device and put out flames using a dry-powder fire extinguisher. However she suffered from smoke inhalation during her actions and was treated by paramedics.

The emergency crews received the alert at 3.44pm and a fire engine and ambulance were both dispatched.

A Fire Brigade spokeswoman said: "The downstairs was 20 per cent damaged by smoke but the fire was put out by the woman, who was the only person in the house, before any firefighters arrived."

"Her actions were prompt and correct and she certainly prevented any further damage to the property."

"She had breathed in smoke and an ambulance attended but she did not require hospital treatment."

Football club nets vital funding to save flying balls

MOTORISTS travelling past Faversham Football Club's Salters Lane ground on match days will no longer have to look out for wayward shots flying across the street as new netting has been installed behind the goals.

The club is currently lying fifth in the Kent League with six wins and four draws and an impressive 25 goals scored.

Now officials and players say those shots not going in the onion bag will be saved by the nets, so ensuring matches and training are no longer delayed.

When the club moved to the ground in 1948, A2 traffic was fairly light and not much of a problem with cars few and far between.

But by 2002 when a study into traffic density was carried out an average of 14,500 vehicles were passing the ground during a 12 hour period.

Since the team's successful revival in 2005 – with three teams now taking the field – the risk of a stray ball hitting traffic and causing an accident had become a real concern.

Club officials decided the obvious solution was the erection of ball stop netting along the Canterbury Road side of the ground. But a look into the costs of such a plan revealed the necessary cash was well outside the finances of the club.

Grant funding however was sought, and Viridor Credits have now awarded £20,000 which covered the bulk of the finances.

The fencing project also included a section behind the goal at the Reynolds/Warner stand end, and both ends of the training pitch.

The club's grants officer Roger Bennett "We offer grateful thanks to Viridor Credits for their generosity in giving us this award."



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NEWS IN BRIEF**Bargain help offered for firms feeling the pinch**

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The partnership will offer businesses a designated members-only website, free training, a free customer survey, free business support, and regular updates on what's happening across the city.

Chairman Bob Jones, said: "Even the most successful enterprise needs support."

The launch is on Wednesday at Barretts showroom at the Westgate at 5.30pm.

Lout bites carer, but he can't remember attack

DRUNK Mark Beesley beat up his carer in an unprovoked attack, magistrates were told.

Beesley, of Island Road, Upstreet attacked Joanna Jacobs after he was booted out of a care home, Canterbury magistrates heard.

Julie Farbrace, prosecuting, said Beesley drank a bottle of vodka and started shouting.

He bit Miss Jacobs' little finger and on the leg before punching her in the face.

Beesley admitted to assault but was so drunk he couldn't remember the attack. He was remanded in custody for two weeks.

Town centre antisocial zone extended by cops

A DISPERSAL zone set up in Herne Bay to cut down on antisocial behaviour has been extended until January.

Set up in the Heron ward, it was originally planned to last for three months, during which time more than 60 people were moved on.

But police say it has "made a significant dent in antisocial behaviour figures" and claim positive feedback from residents who say they have a better quality of life.

Heron covers much of the town centre.

Flat cap robber locks up jewellery shop's staff

POLICE are hunting for a jewellery thief who threatened staff at a Canterbury shop dressed in a flat cap and tweed coat.

The man went into Stillwell's in Burgate at about 2.45pm on Monday, November 3, and intimidated staff with a kitchen knife.

He stole a quantity of items and locked two members of staff in a back room.

The robber is aged about 50, and was slim, grey-haired and unshaven. He wore glasses, tan trousers, black gloves and brown shoes.

'Spitting' neighbours from hell get kicked out

A MOTHER of six has been evicted from her Herne Bay council house after neighbours reported months of abuse and harassment.

A catalogue of complaints was compiled about the family's antisocial behaviour which reportedly included throwing a bag of urine through an open window on to a bed, and spitting at people in the street.

The woman and six children – three teenagers, two children under 12, and a baby – were told to leave the house in Partridge Close by October 29 following a possession order granted on October 1, or face eviction.

The possession order was enforced on Friday, November 7, but police say the family had already gone by the time officers arrived. It is not known where the woman and her family is now living.

Police say the family had been making life a

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

misery for their neighbours, who had made numerous calls to both them and Hyde Housing Association about the family.

Herne Bay neighbourhood officer PC Mark Rogers said: "Other families have had to live with months of abuse and harassment. When I first talked to them about improving their quality of life, I was told 'what quality of life?'. "That comment really stuck in my mind."

The housing association asked residents to keep diaries detailing the problems they were having, and used this and other reports as evidence to secure the eviction.

Hyde say that Canterbury council is now required to make a decision as to whether their former tenant is deemed "intentionally homeless".

If so, the authority will not have a statutory duty to re-house her.

Hyde's antisocial behaviour co-ordinator Nicola Haig said: "The resident will need to discuss this direct with them and seek the necessary housing advice from the council."

"Prior to the eviction, Hyde worked with a number of support agencies and made several attempts to engage with the resident, including setting up a meeting with the council's homeless section which the resident failed to attend."

"We worked extremely hard on this case to rectify the problems and the resident was given every opportunity to amend the antisocial behaviour but failed to do so, despite legal action."

"This left us little option but to protect our other residents by seeking a possession order."

The Hyde Group is one of the largest housing associations working in England, owning or managing over 40,000 homes in London, Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire, the East of England and East Midlands.

Picture POPPY BRITCHER



TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN

WHITSTABLE ground to a halt on Sunday as the Remembrance Day parade took to the streets.

Hundreds paid their tribute to the town's fallen from both world wars and more recent conflicts.

A parade featuring Brownies, Scouts and the Sea Cadets made its way through the High Street before reaching the town's war memorial outside the library.

And as the rain held off for the 11am services, crowds turned out

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WARTIME: Cllr Brian Staley and Rifleman Yubraj Rai, aged 28, who was killed in Afghanistan last week

Gurkha death to inspire start of peace plans

BY GARETH ARNOLD

FOLLOWING the death in action of a Gurkha soldier in Afghanistan, Canterbury councillor Brian Staley has revealed plans for a new foundation to support victims of war and promote peace throughout the world.

Cllr Staley, who has long been involved with the Gurkha's campaign, explained the situation facing the dead soldier's family was bleak unless British supporters stepped in to help them.

He said: "The soldier who was killed was his parents' only child. There is no pension in Nepal; it is a very poor country, so now they will have no means of support.

"It is up to us to help people in this situation.

"It is always women and children who suffer most in wartime, and I would like this foundation to help victims of war in all situations."

Rifleman Yubraj Rai, 28, had been based at Shorncliffe, Folkestone as part of the 2nd

Battalion The Royal Gurkha Rifles. He was killed in the Musa Qala area of Helmand Province as a result of enemy fire.

Cllr Staley has long experience in warzones, having gone to Vietnam as part of the press corps in the late 60s.

Deeply affected by what he saw, he helped set up a similar charity to help Vietnamese civilians, as well as helping to negotiate the release of several American prisoners of war, including recently defeated presidential candidate John McCain.

The Littlebourne councillor wants the new charity – which may be named The Gurkha Peace Foundation – to not only help victims of war, but to actively promote peace in war torn regions.

And with the election of Barack Obama, he looks forward to a less belligerent America, and a time when the Gurkhas will cease to be used aggressively; instead filling a peace-keeping role, which could be reflected by the foundation.

He said: "The Gurkhas are one of the finest fighting forces in the world, but they are soldiers with a conscience.

"Nepal's proximity to India has instilled in them Gandhi's principals, so they would make the perfect peace keeping force."

Mr Staley will be releasing more details about the foundation next year.

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Theatre hoping to win the youth vote

YOUNG people will have a chance to get involved in the future direction of the Marlowe Theatre through a new action group.

Twelve young people will be invited to take part in the pilot scheme which gives youngsters the chance to have their say on the theatre and tell the council what they want from the venue.

As well as voicing their opinions, the group will also have the chance to meet the actors from this year's pantomime Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, including EastEnder's Emma Barton and TV presenter Stephen Mulhern.

Alongside talking to theatre staff and actors, the action group will be given the opportunity to review shows and have their work put on the group's website.

If you are aged between 10-18 and are available on Wednesday evenings, usually for a couple of hours, contact Nicky Gould before Friday, November 14, on 01227 862125 or at nicky.gould@canterbury.gov.uk. You do not need to have any previous theatre experience.

Racist vandals leave graffiti on beach huts

POLICE are searching for those responsible for sick racist graffiti scrawled on Tankerton beach huts.

Armed with a digital camera, appointed PCSO Graeme Downes has photographed the tags – identifying marks sprayed by the crooks – and put the pictures forward to be held on a 'tag' database which helps police track down vandals.

PCSO Downes said: "Racist graffiti is simply not acceptable and we are keen to work with residents and our partner agencies to not only catch these mindless vandals, but also rid the area of this unsightly and offensive vandalism."

Paperboys in the news

NEWSAGENTS have been warned to make sure newspaper boys and girls are riding safely.

Herne Bay and Whitstable Police Community Support Officers joined forces with Kent County Council's child employment officer, Sarah Guy, to carry out safety-checks on bicycles being ridden by the young workers. The officers checked bikes to make sure they had working lights and brakes, while Mrs Guy checked the youngsters had work permits.

They spoke to 14 youngsters, and discovered five had either defective lights or brakes.

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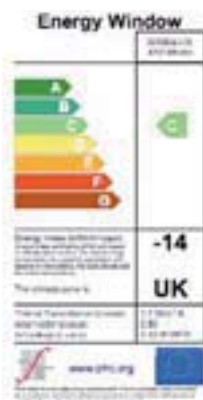
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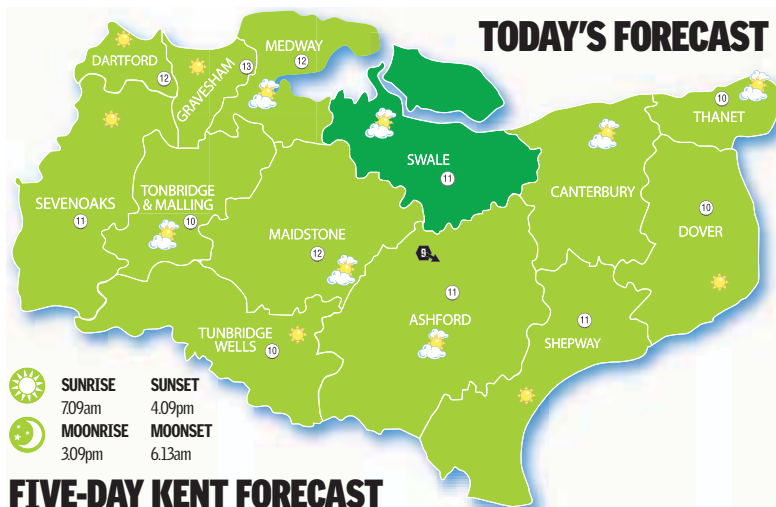
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Dungeness	Saturday	10:33am	8.0m
	Sunday	11:15am	8.1m
Ramsgate	Saturday	10:47am	5.2m
	Sunday	11:32am	5.3m
Sheerness	Saturday	12:00pm	5.9m
	Sunday	12:45pm	6.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	11:58am	5.3m
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Barcelona	18°C	Paris	13°C
Beijing	10°C	Rome	18°C
Bombay	34°C	Sydney	24°C
Cape Town	21°C	Tenerife	26°C
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Canterbury	12°C	10°C	8°C	11°C	12°C	Maidstone	12°C	11°C	10°C	13°C	14°C
Chatham	12°C	11°C	10°C	13°C	14°C	Ramsgate	12°C	10°C	8°C	11°C	12°C
Dartford	12°C	11°C	10°C	13°C	14°C	Rochester	12°C	11°C	10°C	13°C	14°C
Dover	11°C	10°C	9°C	10°C	12°C	Sevenoaks	11°C	10°C	9°C	11°C	12°C
Faversham	12°C	11°C	10°C	13°C	14°C	Sittingbourne	12°C	11°C	10°C	13°C	14°C
Folkestone	11°C	10°C	9°C	10°C	12°C	Tonbridge	12°C	11°C	9°C	12°C	13°C
Gillingham	12°C	11°C	10°C	13°C	14°C	Tun Wells	12°C	11°C	9°C	12°C	13°C

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Roadshow spreads the word about freedom

STUDENTS and parents found out about the Kent Freedom Pass when the roadshow bus arrived in Sittingbourne last week aiming to get them to apply for a valid pass.

Members of Kent Youth County Council – who pressed for the bus pass for under 16s – were on hand to answer questions along with council officials and bus operators.

Kent is the first county council in the country to introduce the scheme, which allows young people at secondary school in years 7-11 free bus travel anytime, anywhere – for an annual £50 advance payment.

More than 10,000 young people have already got the pass which they are using around 200,000 times a month. The scheme is being progressively rolled out to schools in the county after a successful trial in Canterbury, Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge.

Volunteers help clean up banks of stream

THE stream that runs past Chart Mills to Stonebridge Pond and into Faversham Creek forms part of the town's association with industry, stretching back hundreds of years.

And this weekend it was the subject of a major clean up campaign – with free food and drink for volunteers.

Environmental projects officer, Anne Ryman, was there with helpers to collect the rubbish and cut back the overgrown greenery. She said: "We want to make Swale cleaner for everyone."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

DAVID PHILPOTT



Q Can you tell us a little about yourself?

A I was raised in Bromley, where I experienced a happy but undistinguished secondary modern education at Quernmore School.

After a few years working for the London borough of Bromley, latterly as a superannuation officer, I decided to change direction and at the age of 21 found myself immersed in the world of drug and alcohol addiction counselling and rehabilitation, a career path that was to some extent predicated by the untimely death of my older brother on account of his drug misuse.

During the 90s I spent protracted periods of time in Tanzania, East Africa, establishing a health and education project, before moving to Essex in 2000 where I joined the staff of a commercial radio station.

I became the first executive director of the Essex Air Ambulance in 2001 and joined Kent Air Ambulance as its CEO in October 2003.

I am married to Karan and live in Ashford.

Q How did you become chief executive of the Kent Air Ambulance Trust?

A When I joined the staff of the Essex Air Ambulance, it was not on account of any medical or aviation experience, but the fact that radio had given me a communications platform. Using the media and public platforms to generate awareness and affection for the air ambulance service, had I presume, brought me to the attention of others, and it was a great honour to be 'asked' to apply for the top job in Kent.

Q Can you tell us about the trust?

A The Kent Air Ambulance Trust was founded by Kate Chivers, an incredible woman, who has never been properly recognised for her achievements. She fought the health establishment for years to bring an 'independent' air ambulance service to Kent in the early 90s and it gave me great personal pleasure to see one of our helicopters named after her last year.

I am only the second CEO of this amazing organisation, but I work with eight trustees, each of whom bring a special skill and lots of experience to board meetings. Among our trustees we have men and women with expertise in finance, the law, business and medicine.

Q How many members of staff are there based at the Marden headquarters?

A We operate a smaller, satellite base from Dunsfold Park in Surrey (where Top Gear is filmed) but at Marden, we have 12 full-time staff in the office – three doctors, six paramedics and three pilots. We are proud that we only spend 11 per cent of our income on admin and 14 per cent on fundraising, considerably lower than the national average for charities.

Q How many of those team members would board a 999 flight?

A Every time the helicopter is scrambled, it will have a pilot (all ex-Army), a pre-hospital care specialist doctor (as opposed to ordinary GP or hospital doctor) and a critical care paramedic. This is the highest level of care available and we

in Kent, Surrey and Sussex are the only service currently providing this level of excellence.

Q What is the average time that it takes for an air ambulance crew to arrive on scene?

A On average we get from our Marden air-base to the scene of an accident or medical emergency in seven minutes. We used to make much of the fact that we could deliver the patient to the nearest district general hospital in eight minutes. However, we have changed the way emergency care is delivered, so that by taking a doctor to the scene and stabilising the patient, we may in fact spend a lot more time at the roadside. The doctor will then decide which is the most appropriate hospital for their injury (burns, neurology, etc) and we will take them straight there, whether that be in London or further afield.

Q The Kent trust has secured the right to host the next AirMed World Congress, what will that involve?

A We have spent the last three years looking at other models of emergency care around Europe and have stolen the best ideas. We have gone about this quietly, but to our surprise our innovations have not gone unnoticed and we were flattered when the International Committee of the AirMed World Congress asked us to host the next World Congress in 2011. This will be held at the Brighton Centre (there is no conference venue big enough in Kent) and will mean for the next three years the world's aero-medical community will be looking to us for leadership and inspiration.

Q & A

The chief executive of Kent Air Ambulance Trust spoke to reporter **Anna White** about how he landed the top job and how his innovations have put the service at the forefront of European aero-medical care

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Canterbury has a new gig venue run by the team who organise Lounge on the Farm festival. Search 'farmhouse'



Artist Mark Sutherland's work has flourished since moving to Folkestone. Search 'Sutherland'

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Car tax rises heading south

DRIVERS in the county are set to be hit hardest by new road tax rises, according to information obtained by a car buying advice company.

Parkers says Government figures reveal that due to the largest proportion of high-emission cars in the most expensive tax bands being in our area, local motorists will be significantly worse off compared with the rest of the country when new road tax laws are introduced.

It means vastly increased tax bills for

■ BY NICK AMES

215,000 drivers across the whole of the South East, bringing in an additional £86 million to the Government through road tax in 2009.

When the tax hike was first announced it was believed older vehicles would be exempt, but the Treasury then revealed owners of larger cars bought since March 2001 would be hit.

Under the new road tax system, there will be 13 bands ranging from A to M, with vehicles being classed based on their carbon emissions. New cars will also be subject to a so-called 'showroom rate'.

Chancellor Alistair Darling said the changes would come into effect from next April, and raise an additional £1.2 billion in revenue by March 2011.

However, critics insist his Budget failed to make clear that much of this money would come from older cars.

They say owners of vehicles that emit more than 225g of carbon dioxide per kilometre – including some models of Renault Espace and Vauxhall Zafira – will pay £430 in duty in 2010, compared with £210 this year.

The rise will be staggered, moving to £300 next year before reaching the top rate.

Medium-sized cars that emit more than

180g/km – including some Ford Mondeo models – could see increases of up to £100 over the same period, it is claimed.

Paul Watters, head of roads policy at the AA, said: "The Government presented the changes as means of influencing people's purchasing decisions, but it turns out it is also penalising hard-pressed families who have been running the same car for many years."

A Treasury official said the road tax reform would "further strengthen environmental incentives to purchase and develop fuel efficient cars".

The Government's position on vehicle excise duty remains as set out by the Chancellor in his Budget statement to Parliament," she said.

Lucky 13 praised at tourism night

THE county's tourism industry was recognised at an awards ceremony highlighting excellence across the region.

At Tourism South East's prestigious Tourism ExSellen Awards 2008, a total of 13 Kent businesses received accolades from the judges.

Visit Kent, the Kent Conference Bureau and guest house the Gardener's Rest all won their categories.

Maidstone-based Kent Conference Bureau was first for Business Tourism, The Gardener's Rest in Kingsdown, near Deal, was first in the bed and breakfast or guest accommodation category and Visit Kent which promotes the county's £2.3 billion tourist industry, was voted best tourism website in 2008.

Visit Kent's chief executive Sandra Matthews-Marsh said: "Kent has again shown the strength of its tourism industry."

"To have so many businesses recognised at these awards is a real achievement. I am also delighted Visit Kent's

website [www.visitkent.co.uk] was recognised by the judges. We welcome 1.2 million users to the site so it's great to know we are sharing award-winning content with visitors."

Among the other highly placed entrants were Canterbury Historic River Tours, runner-up for best tourism experience; St Peter's Village Tour, Broadstairs, highly commended for best tourism experience; Bedgebury National Pinetum and Forest, runner-up for sport tourism; Joss Bay Surf School, highly commended for sport tourism; and Chatham Historic Dockyard and Rochester Castle, highly commended for large visitor attraction.

Abode in Canterbury was runner-up for large hotel/townhouse; Royal Tunbridge Wells tourist information centre was highly commended; the Rose and Crown pub near Faversham was highly commended for sustainable tourism; and Alkham Court, Dover, was highly commended for bed and breakfast or guest accommodation.



PRIDE OF KENT: The Tourism ExSellen Awards 2008 celebrated the best of the county's thriving tourism industry

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Our £1m challenge to help Kent businesses beat the credit crunch

BY JENNA PUDELEK

MORE than £1 million of advertising, marketing and PR is up for grabs in KOS Media's largest ever competition.

The award-winning publisher of the Yourlocal midweek newspapers, Kent on Sunday and the Saturday Observer, has launched the Kent Business Challenge 2009 to illustrate the positive role the media can play in these difficult economic times.

Winning entries will receive a share of what is believed to be the highest value prize fund ever offered in the county.

Paul Stannard, the media group's managing director, said: "We are doing this because we are a business that has grown and has now become one of the fastest expanding businesses in Kent. We have achieved this by being strong with our messages and aggressive with our marketing."

Promote

"In the current environment, we want to send a message to the business community that if you want to thrive rather than just survive, then you need to shout from the rooftops about why people should do business with you over your competitors."

"It is our challenge to the business community of Kent to tell us why they deserve a share of this fantastic prize fund."

The winners in the 10 categories of the competition will receive a share of the prize fund to promote their company within newspapers, websites, TV, radio and



magazines across the county.

An expert judging panel from business, media, marketing and PR will evaluate the entries – and the lucky winners will be allocated a share of the prize fund by the judges.

The judges will meet with the winners to explain how they can use their prize.

Categories include an award for the Kent-based charity that can best demonstrate a passion and drive for services and support it offers.

The new business/product award is aimed at firms or new products launched after January 1 this year. Judges will be looking for a flair for creativity and originality in the innovation award category.

The winner in the public sector category will have a chance to go beyond budgetary constraints on advertising and marketing.

Every organisation, from a small school to a local authority, can enter.

Another category is open to businesses, charities or public sector organisations that can demonstrate they have an important message to convey to the community.

An employer award will go to a company, of any size, that demonstrates a willingness to go out of its way to motivate its staff despite these challenging times.

The Garden of England already has a winning reputation in the tourism industry and the judges want to hear from organisations in the sector, whether it is a small attraction or a large hotel.

The retailer award will go to a shopkeeper who can prove to the panel why their business deserves a share of the advertising, marketing and PR fund.

Gala ceremony

And businesses excelling in the service industry, or which demonstrate outstanding customer service, will be awarded in their own category.

Finally, there is also a training and staff development award, where the judges will be looking for a company that demonstrates continued investment in training and developing its employees despite the economic downturn. All applicants must be based in Kent.

For an entry pack, email businesschallenge2009@kosmedia.co.uk.

The full criteria and terms and conditions will be in the application pack, and the judges' decision will be final.

The closing date for applications will be in March next year and the winners will be announced at a gala ceremony later in the year.



DANCE: Blue Peter's Konnie Kuq is supporting the event

Put your best foot forward for charity

THE British Red Cross is inviting schools and groups across Kent to take part in Dance for Life – one of the biggest youth dance events in south east England.

The invitation is also going out to youth groups and dancing classes to take part in the event which is one of the charity's major fund raisers. And even people with no real dance experience can take part.

Dance for Life is dedicated to introducing pupils to dance as a means of overcoming cultural, social and physical barriers.

The event is open to everyone 18 and under regardless of their ability. Dancers are invited to create a performance centred on the humanitarian work of the Red Cross – reflecting any aspect they desire.

Laura Deacon, Dance for Life project manager, said: "The British Red Cross is committed to exploring what humanitarian values mean in today's world."

"Since 2006, more than 5,000 young people have joined us in this exciting event and raised £64,000 for the Red Cross."

Registration is now open for 2009, with two heats being held in Tenterden and Dartford. This year is set to be the best yet with a total of 47 events nationwide.

The event will help raise money for vulnerable people locally and overseas and Konnie Huq, Blue Peter presenter and ambassador for the charity, is excited about this opportunity to celebrate youth dance.

Konnie said: "Dance for Life offers such a wonderful opportunity for all young people to perform in a fun and friendly environment."

Enter your school, dance or youth group for Dance for Life 2009 now by telephoning Laura Deacon on 01962 841618, email Ldeacon@redcross.org.uk or visit the website www.redcross.org.uk/danceforlife.

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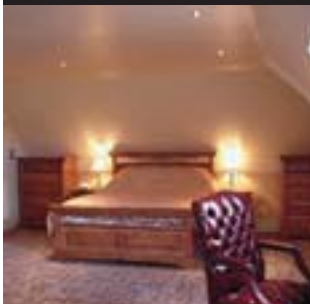
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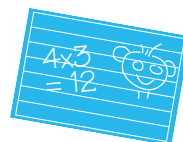
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BREAK TIME



UP POMPEII: Fulston Manor group on Vesuvius

La dolce vita, with added limestone

THE autumn half-term break saw 32 students from Fulston Manor in Sittingbourne visit the Bay of Naples in Italy for a week of exploration as part of their GCSE studies.

The pupils visited Naples and experienced life living in the shadow of one of the world's most active volcanoes while enjoying the Italian lifestyle.

They also went to the island of Capri for a boat trip around the coast that focused on the limestone scenery.

A visit to the nearby crater at Solfatara allowed students to witness hot springs, bubbling mud baths and the smell of the sulphur emissions.

They then hiked up Mount Vesuvius to view the volcano crater and the monitoring stations on top.

A tour of the Amalfi coast was also undertaken and the final afternoon was spent at Pompeii, where the students saw the remains of the Roman town devastated by the volcano.

Teacher Rupert Prutton described the trip as: "A fantastic opportunity to experience Italian culture as well as to bring the geography classroom to life."

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Every child matters at 'outstanding' school

BY NICK AMES

WESTLANDS School in Sittingbourne received an impressive report after a recent visit by Ofsted inspectors.

"Outstanding" was the verdict reached following the two-day inspection which focused on creative learning, in particular the way the curriculum meets the needs of pupils and their enjoyment of lessons.

The school – which recently had an open evening – also rated "outstanding" during the last visit which took place in February.

Headteacher Jon Whitcombe said: "To be classed as an outstanding provider of education again by Ofsted is a tremendous achievement for the school and all connected with it."

"The key to Westlands' success over recent years has been through ensuring the curriculum is exciting for pupils and that they enjoy their learning."

"I want to see our pupils happy at school and feel cared for and supported. When this is the case pupils tend to be highly successful."

"At Westlands every child matters. I'm glad Ofsted recognises our efforts in this area."

The inspectors have made their findings available to staff and added recommendations of areas which could be improved.

The report stated: "Throughout the school the effects of cross-curricular work, extra-curricular activities, vocational courses and vertical tutoring are seen to combine to provide a vibrant curriculum to match every student's needs: here, indeed, every child matters."

It also commented on Mr Whitcombe's role, saying: "Your leadership of the school is outstanding. Your conviction that creative learning is key to the school's excellent contextual value added scores is fully borne out by obser-



ANIMAL MAGIC: Westlands School open day where youngsters had the chance to see and handle a live snake

vations over the two days.

"You and your team of senior leaders and staff manage the work of the school with an outstanding sense of purpose and drive that stems from an understanding that when students are being creative they are learning well. You have inspired your staff by your approach."

The school's diversity also came in for praise, with the report concluding: "All courses are available to any students and though there

are some single sex groups, this stems from students exercising freedom of choice."

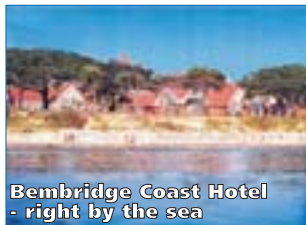
"For example, the construction group is currently all boys, but this has not always been the case and there is no bar to girls choosing this course."

Areas for improvement included incorporating the evaluation of creative learning into monitoring procedures and incorporating opportunities for creative learning into the work of all students wherever possible.

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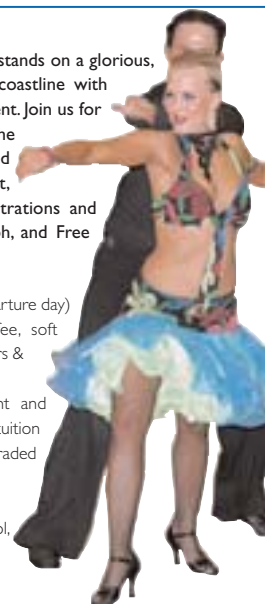
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Why we must stay calm in face of media-led storm

AS you read this, the polls in the US will be shut and the slow process of counting the votes will be well under way.

In fact, if you don't pick this paper up until the weekend, then the chances are the count is complete and the winner and their new First Lady are now choosing colour schemes for the White House.

In the Congo, blood-curdling atrocities are taking place leaving children orphaned or the victim. And if that wasn't enough, the world continues to teeter on the edge of financial meltdown as the stock markets drop quicker than Harry Redknapp's reputation in and around Portsmouth.

Throw in new scientific proof that the rise in temperatures at the North and South Poles can be attributed to mankind's influence on the atmosphere, and not just a natural cycle, and all in all it was a pretty strong news week.

Yet you'd be forgiven for not realising it. Because our newspapers, radio and television stations over the past ten days have been dominated by a misjudged phone call placed by

two over paid stars to the bloke who used to be the bumbling buffoon Manuel from Fawlty Towers. You really could not make it up.

Perhaps it was the glorious escape from day after day of doom and gloom about capitalism itself self-imploding... none of which most of us really understood, other than all our jobs were a little less secure. What could be the perfect tonic but a desperate craving for the blood of two celebrities for whom the credit crunch sounds more like a trendy type of apple than something to impact on their wealth?

Of course, there were some key principles at stake. Yes, the BBC has a responsibility to its licence fee paying public and yes, it was about time Jonathan Ross was exposed as the tired old bloated has-been he has become.

But the acres of news print and hour upon hour of broadcast space devoted to it, has been overkill on a level previously unheard of.

And the casualties seem to be mounting up at an alarming pace. First Russell Brand – a fine talent and whose radio show was, for those who had never heard of it before this fuss, an hilarious, witty treat which will be sadly missed – then the controller of Radio 2 and, at

the time of writing at least, the bank balance of the aforementioned bloated Mr Ross.

I could say we need to get a bit of a sense of perspective here. There are more important things at stake. And I'm sure Andrews Sachs – who has conducted himself with wonderful dignity – must surely be amazed that some messages on his voicemail have dictated the national news agenda for a solid week.

In fact, I will say it. We, as a nation, have this regrettable ability to whip ourselves into a ridiculous frenzy over things we suddenly attach society's core values to. But what benefit has losing Brand as a Saturday evening DJ or the controller of Radio 2 actually brought to society that a good old fashioned apology couldn't do? Precisely nothing, I would say.

In fact the only good is that I don't have to watch Jonathan Ross on the telly for three months. And the off button was always there for me to make that judgement without a baying mob doing it for me.

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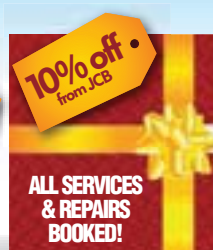
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TALK TIME

PAUL CUMBERLAND

Owner of Birds Birds – a store in Faversham which specialises in all things avian



What do you stock in your store?

Well it started with artists and paintings and then I moved on to figurines. Everything here is connected with birds and is a different work of art. Oh – and we also sell specialist local fudge which is hugely popular.

How did you get the idea?

Many moons ago I used to be interested in birds and artwork but found it impossible to get hold of the paintings or prints that I wanted. I spoke to artists and they were very receptive to the idea of a shop which would specialise in their form of art. They realised it would be a place people would come to and it would be a market for their work.

How has it been received?

Very well – I always thought that specialist shops were the way forward and previously I had a pet shop. But I did not have the resources to turn it into a pet superstore so I decided to move in another direction. And I am very glad that I did.

Where do your customers come from?

I have to say that not all that many of them are from Faversham. Ours is a specialist market and we have people from all over the UK.

YOUR LETTERS



Park is perfect spot for war memorial

I was interested to read the story about the war memorial and feel the best choice for its new site would be in the centre of the small park.

That way people can gather around it during services and acts of remembrance without being in danger from traffic. It would also make the memorial a lot more prominent.

Mark Haines
Faversham



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Trains need to be rescheduled

As a visitor to your town last week from Folkestone I would like to raise the issue of the timings of trains. The London service arrives in Dover at 22 minutes past the hour and then sets off for Ramsgate.

Meanwhile, 10 seconds after its scheduled arrival, a train sets off for Faversham and Sittingbourne from another platform.

This is ridiculous as there is no time to board the connecting service – even if both run to the timetable.

So anyone wanting to continue the journey up to Swale has to wait half-an-hour or more.

Surely a minor adjustment of the schedule could allow passengers from both services to change trains?

Philip Neeson
By email

We can beat the crunch together

It is good to see the drives among local people to encourage businesses and companies to mutually support one another and I have seen this work.



A friend of mine who lives in Cambridge says such a plan is in operation there and is very actively promoted – even to the extent of shoppers being told by store owners where they can go to make purchases which complement those already undertaken.

If people are willing to work together maybe such a neighbourly trader scheme could come into force in Faversham as well.

Julia Dyson
Ospringe



I found bizarre tales a real hoot

I enjoyed the article on the bizarre happenings of Kent and would like to add one of my own.

There was a well-documented incident in the 1960s in which a man-sized owl was allegedly spotted in the woods around the coast.

It is an incident which has never really been explained and has been featured in many collections of sightings of the supposedly supernatural.

It would make a worthy inclusion in the book written by Phil Mason.

Alan Jones
By email

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School run mums get in way of my journey

It is heartening to read that KCC is battling the dreaded school run. Nothing is more annoying than being stuck in the street while a load of women inexpertly move their cars around after dropping off their children.

Then there are those that use the opportunity to stop their cars – not park, just stop – and have a five-minute chat.

As much as possible should be done to rid the roads of this annoyance which is a constant source of frustration to me on my way to work.

Terry Bridger
By email

Will Kent lose even more top players?

Regarding the county cricket club's decision to release Yasir Arafat, while he was a good player I hope that it will be the start of a drive to field more homegrown players.

Not only are they qualified for England, they should exhibit a lot more fight and battling qualities when their backs are to the wall than we have seen.

Kent's loss in two finals and relegation is an almost unbelievably disappointing result during one season and surely shows the need for players who have some more determined qualities about them and will be a bit more difficult to beat.

What we need is a team which

will not roll over and die when the pressure is on.

Harry Addison
By email

Sing your heart out at annual fund-raiser

National charity Heart Research UK, is inviting everyone from musicians to the tone deaf to give voice to their favourite songs for the charity's annual festive fund-raiser, Sing for your Heart, between December 8 and 15.

Now in its fourth year, the event aims to get people giving their heart and lungs a workout whilst raising money that will go towards pioneering research heart disease.

Statistics for cardiovascular disease are shocking – it is the biggest killer of both men and women, ahead of cancer, in the UK.

Every 20 minutes, four people die of heart-related causes and is accountable for over a third of all deaths.

Those who chose to support Sing for your Heart can sing in the car, at the office, with friends, with colleagues, in railway stations, shopping malls or even at the Royal Albert Hall.

Everyone – from choirs, am-dram and craft groups, through to working men's clubs, reading groups, schools and colleges, companies and societies of all sorts – is invited.

There are no hard and fast rules, except to keep safe, stay within the law, have fun and raise funds for vital research into the prevention, treatment and cure of heart disease.

With the obvious benefits of raising money and giving the 'feel



GET IN TUNE: Heart Research UK is inviting people to Sing for your Heart

good' factor, singing also has great physical effects: it exercises the lungs, oxygenates the blood, gives the abdominal and intercostal muscles a workout, improves posture, and releases muscle tension.

It also improves breath control, which can assist asthma sufferers or people who experience panic attacks.

In our last Sing for your Heart, people from all around the UK took part in organising all sorts of singing events in the run up to Christmas and, with the help of big-hearted folk, we raised nearly £15,000 – not a bad start for a new event.

Everyone loves a good sing-song, so if you are in a band, are partial to a bit of karaoke or could even get people to sponsor you to stop singing, please get in touch with your ideas and benefit yourself whilst while helping others at the same time.

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Barbara Harpham

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**NEVERLAND:** Joe Pasquale is directing and starring in Peter Pan at the Orchard Theatre, Lila McConigley, left, is looking forward to the show

Stay young with panto

Lila's making a song and dance about acting

ACTRESS Lila McConigley will be returning to the Orchard this Christmas, three years after making her Dartford debut.

She will appear as Tiger Lily in Peter Pan, the theatre's pantomime, alongside director and star Joe Pasquale. Rehearsals are due to start in a couple of weeks' time and Ms McConigley, 34, is looking forward to working with Mr Pasquale for the first time.

"I can tell he's going to be fantastic, because he's got such a lovely personality and a great energy," she said. "I think he's very generous on stage."

Although she loves to appear in pantomime now, the peculiarly British form of entertainment took some getting used to for the Singapore-born actress.

"I grew up in Wyoming and pantomime does not exist at all in the US," she said. "I had done it once before, but when I first appeared at the Orchard I was working with Brian Conley.

"I hadn't worked with a comedian before and it was a real eye-opener, he was so funny.

"It was really weird because my sister was visiting from the US and she came to the show.

"Afterwards she said she felt sorry for me because the audience appeared to be drunk and were shouting at me. I told her that was what they do. It was surreal.

"During rehearsals the cast kept



PETER PAN

Friday December 5 to Sunday January 11

Orchard Theatre, Dartford

telling me to just wait until the audience came and started shouting, but when they did, I was amazed."

Having played the rather more

demure Princess Jasmine in Aladdin for the last few years, Ms McConigley is looking forward to taking on a new character. But she claims the prospect of playing Tiger Lily has presented her with an extra challenge.

"I've got to stay on my no carbs diet because the costume for Tiger Lily is minimal," she said with a laugh.

"When it was handed to me at the press call, I said, 'where's the rest of it?'"

A hugely gifted singer, by the time she was 11 Ms McConigley was performing as a soloist with the American Symphony Orchestra and the Metropolitan Opera Company. After studying at the Manhattan School of Music, she went to Italy to continue her opera studies and has sung in concert with stars such as Sir Elton John. She is currently recording her own album and hopes to pursue a music career, but one of her highlights so far has been working on legendary children's show Sesame Street.

"It was incredible and I still do stuff with them," she said. "I loved every minute of it."

Audiences can enjoy her incredible voice at the Orchard Theatre, where she will be helping to bring the enchanting story of Peter Pan to life.

"I love panto and it's great to do every year," she said. "It's so fulfilling because you get so much back from the audience."

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He was born in 1927 as Michael Valentine Doonican in Waterford, Ireland, the youngest of eight children. With so many other Michaels around, he became known as Val and enjoyed a poor but happy childhood.

Following the death of his father, Doonican left school to work in a factory at the age of 14. But he had been writing songs since he was a child and even appeared in Waterford's first ever TV broadcast, playing his guitar.

Before long he left the factory to tour Ireland with a band and although it took nearly two decades to hit the big time, Doonican was on the road to success.

The concert starts at 7pm and tickets cost £20. To book call 01227 769075 or visit www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk.

ROMEO & JULIET - THE MUSICAL

Wednesday November 19
Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury

TRUE love and tragedy are played out against the backdrop of Verona in a fresh look at the Bard's greatest love story.

Romeo & Juliet - The Musical is the latest show by Shakespeare 4 Kidz, a theatre company which brings the classic texts to a younger audience. With the use of song, dance and some contemporary language, they aim to draw children and teens into Shakespeare's world of intrigue, romance, tragedy and comedy.

The feuding Capulet and Montague families are at each other's throats, but their lives will change forever the day young Romeo Montague is persuaded to gatecrash his enemies' ball. There he meets Juliet, the daughter of the house, and they fall madly in love. Juliet's hand in marriage is



promised to Count Paris, but the couple marry in secret the next day and plan to live happily ever after.

However, when a street fight ends in death for someone and exile for Romeo,

their plan goes tragically wrong.

Shows are at 10.30am and 1.30pm. Tickets cost £9 for under-16s, £15 for adults, call 01227 787787 or see www.marlowetheatre.com.

SISTER QUEENS

Friday November 21
Horsebridge Arts & Community Centre, Whitstable

THE power and pain of an extraordinary royal relationship is explored in the one-woman play Sister Queens.

Miriam Cooper stars in the story of Elizabeth I and Mary Queen of Scots, who referred to themselves as sisters. The audience is invited to witness the events in this cutthroat time, as each woman battled for supremacy.

Which queen will you empathise with as you journey through private chambers, public processions, prison and the royal court? The events in the 16th century shaped the throne's destiny and will captivate contemporary audiences.

Considered by many Catholics to be illegitimate following the execution of her mother Anne Boleyn, the Protestant Elizabeth was unsuccessfully challenged for the throne by Mary. Later Mary was imprisoned and finally executed on treason charges. The solo play, which was written by Cooper, explores this remarkable time and asks if the death of one queen was the inevitable, and only, outcome.

The show, presented by Play On Words Theatre, starts at 8pm. Tickets cost £9/£7. To book call 01227 281174. To find out more go online at www.miriamcooper.co.uk.



SWALE LEISURE

War film remembers artist and fallen heroes

A SPECIAL Remembrance installation and film is at a gallery in Teynham.

War and Peace by Julie Bradshaw and Ken Rowles includes the work of war artist Leo Rawling who, 20 years ago, asked Rowles to create a film based on his book containing words, sketches and photos.

The exhibition is at the Polka Dot Art Centre until November 30, call 01795 521167 or visit www.polkadotac.co.uk.

Join the club to hear some do-it-yourself punk

ATTILA the Stockbroker will be at Faversham Folk Club next Wednesday.

Inspired by the 'do it yourself' ethos of punk, he started out as a bass player in 1977 and managed to perform his poems and songs between bands at punk gigs.

The gig will be held at the Chimney Boy in Preston Street at 8.30pm. Tickets cost £6 for members and £7 for non-members. For more details visit www.favershamfolkclub.net.

Come along to concert and help save cathedral

THE Festival Chamber Orchestra will be giving a concert in aid of the Save Canterbury Cathedral fund.

The Ralph Vaughan Williams anniversary concert will be staged in the quire of the cathedral on Sunday and will feature Williams' Oboe Concerto and Five Variants on Dives and Lazarus. There will also be works by Walton, Warlock and Frost. The concert starts at 6.30pm and tickets, at £12.50, are available from the Save Canterbury Cathedral Appeal Office on 01227 464764.

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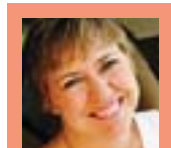
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LUV-FUNNING FEMALE

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Good looking woman, 37, 5ft2, brown hair/eyes, 2 kids. Looking for new friends and hopefully someone special. Box 446039 **1**

FROM ME TO YOU

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IN EACH OTHER'S ARMS

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NO TIES

Lovely, bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTW slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 443572 **1**

CALL ME...

Honest, bubbly, 43, single mum, medium build, blue-green eyes, streaked blonde hair, likes swimming, reading, cooking, wine, dining, WLTW fun-loving male for love. Box 444211 **1**

LOVING, CARING & HONEST

Hard working single mum, young 44yr old, 5ft5, medium build, enjoys dining out, holidays, cinema and walks, WLTW a caring and genuine male for friendship/relationship. Box 444751 **1**

SIMILAR INTERESTS

Bubbly, divorced mum of 2, medium-large build, 5ft4, I'm 44, have a GSOH and enjoy cinema, pubs, socialising, etc. Box 445420 **1**

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY

Bubbly female, 44, brunette, N/S, medium-large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955 **1**

MISS JULIE

Bubbly blonde, 44, stupid and like having a laugh, good company, friendship, would like to meet new friends for hopeful love... Box 886162 **1**

COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800 **1**

AND ALL THAT JAZZ

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MOVING ON FROM FRIENDSHIP

Hi I'm 45, 5ft6, largest build, blue eyes, non-smoker/driver, devoted Mum, seeking male to share life with, walks, beaches and more. Canterbury. Box 440392 **1**

THE HOME LIFE

Happy, caring female, homely, tactile and honest. I'm black African, 41, 5ft2, medium build and would like LTR with the right person. Box 446024 **1**

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 444796 **1**

YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DALL

Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTW a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102 **1**

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LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS

Last-back single mum, very bubbly, outgoing, intelligent, 43, enjoys social life, drinks, meals, cinema; looking to start afresh with someone new, easy-going and life-loving. Box 446102 **1**

ATTRACTIVE

Professional female, 43, enjoys dancing, walking, reading and cooking, WLTW intelligent professional male, who can hold a good conversation, for a relationship. Box 444262 **1**

LOVELY JOSEPHINE

Passionate and fun-loving 43yr old female, enjoys clubbing, meals out and cooking, WLTW a male to share evenings out with. Box 445225 **1**

EVERLASTING LOVE

Beautiful black female, 46, WLTW a caring, gentle and loving gentleman, 45-60, 5ft10+, pref a bit sporty, for a everlasting relationship. Tunbridge Wells Box 445407 **1**

ETERNALLY YOURS

Easygoing woman, likes most things in life: country walks, films, cinema, cooking. I'm 46, 5ft2, medium build. WLTW genuine, happy guy, easygoing and fun. Box 445635 **1**

SPONTANEOUS

Karen, 46, 5ft3, medium build, likes keeping fit, getting out and about, travelling and a nice bottle of wine. WLTW light-hearted male for a LTR. Box 445749 **1**

IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!

44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810 **1**

WE'LL SEE

Blonde hair/blue eyes, 5ft5, slim build, looking for friendship, maybe more. I'm a nice woman, 47, seeking good male, for friendship, possibly more. Box 445332 **1**

MAKE ME LAUGH, MAKE ME YOURS

Single 47yr old lovely female, 5ft5, slim build, blonde hair, blue-green eyes, seeking male for potential LTR, must have GSOH! Box 885288 **1**

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 443666 **1**

LET'S TAKE A RIDE

Hi, I'm Laura, 47, friendly, honest, love motor-biking, WLTW gentleman interested in bikes, walks, holidays, the countryside, museums, castles and perhaps love! Box 440397 **1**

MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE?

Hi I'm Mandy, chocolate brown hair, blue eyes, 48, seeking human male (preferably) for nights out, socialising, clubbing, meals, lots of laughs and much more. Box 437489 **1**

JANE SEEKING TARZAN

Hi, I'm Jane, 49, 5ft4, love music, art, male, gardening and going out, looking for an honest, loving and caring male FOR A LTR. Box 446117 **1**

ALL THAT I NEED

Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving and outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out and staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428833 **1**

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Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, beach, good company, friendship, would like to meet new friends for hopeful love... Box 886162 **1**

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JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 **1**

HELLO BOYS!

Guy! Brunette, 50, 5ft5, curvy, brunette, green eyes, WLTW a spontaneous, caring, tallish man who make me smile and feel good again. Box 886862 **1**

QUALITY TIME

Youthful active lady, 67, 5ft5, blonde, good figure, looking for a country-loving gentleman, for mutual loving companionship. Likes cinema, the outdoors, theatre, animals and more. Polegate. Box 446058 **1**

Women seeking women

FRIENDSHIP, MAYBE MORE

Curvy bi female, 32, likes mixed-economy, for friendship, hopefully more. Single mum, work part time. Box 886142 **1**

40-LEND! CUDDLES!

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ARE YOU MY BOND...

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THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS

Hi, I'm Teresa, 33yr young, like anti-mats, gardening and ordinary things! WLTW a nice man, my age or younger, for a possible relationship. Box 445707 **1**

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

African lady, 58, likes reading, current affairs and travelling, WLTW an outgoing, fun-loving and honest male to spend the rest of my life with. Box 445122 **1**

SOPHISTICATED SUE

Sue, 56yr old, 5ft4, green eyes, petite, loves cooking, holidays, reading and swimming, WLTW a tall professional male, similar age, for friendship/romance. Box 443309 **1**

FANCY A RIDE?

Affectionate tactile bubbly woman, young 56, 5'7", blonde, curvy, looking for lasting relationship with 50-58 year old loving man. Box 886880 **1**

HELP!

Positive, vivacious female, 59, 5ft4, enjoys art, seaside walks and music, seeks tallish, kind, caring male to grow old with...disgracefully. Box 449493 **1**

LOVING

Outgoing male, 34, loves bowling and cosy nights in, WLTW an outgoing, bubbly and kind-hearted female to spend the rest of my life with. Box 445567 **1**

CALL ME UP...

Civil servant, 36, caring, sharing, GSOH, brown eyes, short brown hair, 5ft1, likes the gym, pubs, travelling, reading, cooking, music, seeking female with GSOH. Box 444450 **1**

YOUR TIME IS COMING

Medium build male, 35, dark blond hair, dark eyes, nice looking, have 1 little girl, own business, varied interests, looking for a fun lady, under 40 Box 425075 **1**

KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOUR

Slim build, 38yr old male, 5ft11, green eyes, separated with 3 kids, enjoys theatre, dining out, walks and LTR. Box 886602 **1**

TRUTHSTORY

Margate man, 37, 6ft3, dark hair, nice big build, I work in residential care which I love. I'm down-to-earth, kind, tactile, with a GSOH. Box 423437 **1**

R U ME?

Down-to-earth, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917 **1**

HAPPINESS IS...

Good-looking male, 36, short spiky brown hair, likes dancing, socialising, films, WLTW nice, loyal, honest female, 30-42, for a relationship. Maidstone. Box 401597 **1**

FULL MARKS

Hi I'm Andrew, 38, 6ft3, dark hair, blue eyes, hardworking guy, friendly, tactile & outgoing, likes enjoying life, WLTW easygoing female for friendship/relationship. Box 443488 **1**

ME AND YOU

Hi I'm Shawn, 39, likes most things in life, looking for a woman to settle down with. Box 446085 **1**

WIFE THE SAME?

Sporty single dad, 41, 5ft8, blue eyes, enjoys most things in life, looking for a genuine woman for friendship - more. Box 446039 **1**

SO EXCITED

Attractive sexy fun mixed race male, 41, 5ft10, likes chatting and hugs. Looking for a hot feminine female, up to 44, in Swale, Medway area. Box 886364 **1**

SOON TO BE DIVORCED

My name is Steve, 41yrs young, 5ft7, normal build, looking for good company and fun with a female of height. Box 886154 **1**

A MAN WHO LOVES SHOES

Good-looking male, 42, beautiful blue eyes, likes good music, history channels, Indian food and shoes! WLTW a younger female, 20-30, for a LTR. Box 445833 **1**

LOVELY JO

Young-looking attractive female, 54, N/S, friendly and sociable, love music, dance and history, warm and sparkly, WLTW a genuine female for a close female friendship. Box 445146 **1**

FUN AND CUDDLY

42yr old male, 5ft7, blue eyes, enjoys cinema, walking, swimming and cosy nights in, seeking a damsel to rescue and be happy with. East Sussex Box 443933 **1**

DOWN TO MARGARET!

Young-looking, slim male, 43yr old, 5ft10, enjoys beach walks and cinema, WLTW a mature lady for a committed long term relationship. Margate Box 441706 **1**

A NICE GUY

Hello, I'm Jim, 6ft, 5ft4, interests include: eating out, cinema and swimming. WLTW a lady with similar interests and GSOH. Box 445650 **1**

OPEN ARMS

Confident male, 42, 5'10", nice build, single out, own home, loves cooking, going out, sports. WLTW someone similar to me. Maidstone. Box 411411 **1**

TO SHARE MY LIFE

Active male, 45, 6'2", good body, blue eyes, brown hair, enjoys most things in life, especially travelling and adventures. Seeking female for company or more. Box 920903 **1**

SOUND LIKE YOU?

Single dad, honest and easygoing. I'm 46, 5ft2, brown hair/green eyes, average build and I'm looking for a caring female. Box 445652 **1**

HAPPY TOGETHER

White male, 46, 5ft7, easygoing, N/S, loves a laugh, enjoys theme parks, concerts, romantic walks, WLTW a female to be happy with. Kids no problem. Box 444339 **1**

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Oliver Stone's film takes us through lame duck US President George W. Bush's turbulent life and times – including the fateful decision to invade Iraq. Leading the all-star cast is Josh Brolin as Dubya, James Cromwell as George H.W. Bush, Thandie Newton as Condoleezza Rice and Ioan Gruffudd as Tony Blair.

EASY VIRTUE (PG)



John Whittaker, a young Englishman, falls in love with Larita, a glamorous American, and they marry impetuously. However when the couple return to the family home, his mother has an allergic reaction to her new daughter-in-law. Larita realises she must fight back if she's to keep hold of John.

HUNGER (15)



Lending a savage intimacy to the spirit of Bobby Sands, the IRA radical who spearheaded the prison strikes of 1981, Hunger is a no-holds-barred immersion in human suffering. The film confines itself to the Maze prison, where Sands (Michael Fassbender) is being held. Upon greeting a new cellmate, he reveals he's been sentenced to 12 years.

Shaken, not stirred

■ BY KATE WHITING

DANIEL Craig is looking tired. With his second Bond film, *Quantum Of Solace*, just released, he is arguably the most in-demand actor in the world right now.

But the lines around his blue eyes don't dull their sparkle and the slight sound of fatigue in his voice doesn't diminish his obvious enthusiasm for the role.

Dressed in a grey suit, with a handkerchief in his breast pocket, a black waistcoat and crisp white shirt, he looks just like the slick MI6 agent.

However, you wouldn't expect James Bond to be wearing his right arm in a sling.

"Damn, I was trying to hide that," he jokes, at mention of the shoulder injury.

"I think I tore it a few years ago, maybe even before I started as Bond, there's no way of telling, but doing two Bond movies didn't help," he adds, with a brave laugh.

At just over an hour and 40 minutes, *Quantum Of Solace* is one of the shortest of the 22 Bond films, but it's also the most action-packed and Craig is justifiably proud to say he did most of his own stunts.

The film is the first direct sequel in the Bond franchise and picks up just 20 minutes after *Casino Royale* ended, as 007 jets around the globe on a personal mission to avenge the death of his beloved Vesper and learn more about the secret organisation Quantum.

From the opening car chase and rooftop chase sequence in Italy to the desert-set climax, the pace is almost relentless and it's hard to imagine what it was like to film.



MAN ON A MISSION: Daniel Craig as James Bond 007 in *Quantum Of Solace*

"The rooftop scene was tough," admits Craig, who turned 40 during filming.

"There were five, six, cameras on cranes and there's an aerial camera and resetting is difficult, plus the fact that I'm tied off and

jumping over roofs. So it was tough but also a lot of fun to shoot – and a very nice view!"

The actor's first outing as Bond in 2006's *Casino Royale* took more at the box office than any other, was nominated for nine Bafta

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Awards and won the actor an army of female fans for the tight blue trunks scene.

With Craig in the role, the franchise was stripped back to basics, with 007 becoming a ruthless bare-knuckled fighter, who didn't need to rely on gadgets to get him out of a fix.

Bond has fewer catchy one-liners and is seemingly a more emotional man.

Quantum Of Solace sees Bond team up with the sultry Camille (Olga Kurylenko) as their shared need for revenge unites them against a Bolivian general who is doing a deal with a philanthropic businessman.

As for risking life and limb again as Bond in future, Craig says he would love to make another film, but admits he doesn't know how many more times he'll reprise the role.

"I genuinely would just love to do another one, but maybe I'm just superstitious, or just stupidly pessimistic, I don't know. I'm just going to see how it goes."

Before that though, Daniel Craig is rightly due a very long holiday – and a good night's sleep.



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Making your Grand entrance

■ BY CHRIS BRITCHER

THERE is something quintessentially English about The Grand Hotel in Brighton.

It's not just the glorious splendour of the building which stands so majestically on the seafront, its instantly recognisable white frontage a beacon of delightful architecture alongside the dull concrete monstrosity of the neighbouring Brighton Centre.

It is, instead, its very concept in this day and age. The British seaside has taken a tsunami-style pummeling over the last few decades with its reputation as a place capable of delivering luxury eroded by the explosion in cheap foreign holidays and the resulting decline in our coastal towns.

It is particularly easy for us Kent folk to be a little blasé about the seaside, too.

After all, most of us live either on the coast or a short drive away from it. But a two-hour jaunt down to West Sussex may just remind you what makes the Great British seaside quite so, well, great.

Brighton has, over the last decade, exploded into a thriving, bustling city. Youthful and lively, it retains a charm which endears it to all age groups.

It may be described as London-on-Sea, but it's the nice bits of London it replicates, remaining on a scale which ensures you can shop down The Lanes or the other busy retail



HIGH CLASS: The Grand Hotel offers premium quality

hubs while never more than a short stroll from the promenade and a seemingly never-ending number of pubs and restaurants. It is, in short, an absolute winner of a location. And The Grand is the icing on the cake.

For many, the De Vere venue will forever be known as the site of an assassination attempt on the Thatcher government in 1984.

But proving its heart is pure red, white and blue, it brushed itself down, just as Margaret Thatcher did, rebuilt and proved it takes more than a terrorist's bomb to keep a British landmark down.

Today it oozes class from every pore. From the marbled entrance to the grand staircase which spirals up through its very core, everything about it has the sweet smell of history and refinement pulsing through its veins.

This place has, after all, hosted prime ministers and world leaders – such as JFK – through the years.

Opened in 1864 to accommodate the Victorian upper classes, its high, ornate ceilings and tall pillars which dominate the reception, dining areas and relaxed lounge, give a remarkable sense of space, size and grandeur.

The 200-plus rooms are comfortably furnished and, if you're lucky enough to have a sea view, looking out from the balcony provides the cherry on top.

It's not cheap, of course, but then this doesn't pretend to be class on a budget. You pay a premium, but you're getting premium quality.

The Kings Restaurant provides sumptuous surroundings for breakfast and meals. And the evening service is an experience you really ought to treat yourself to if you stay here – you will not regret it. The staff are – as they were throughout the stay – attentive and polite, yet never overbearing. They lurk in the shadows, seemingly emerging just as you need them.

It can be tricky to pull yourself away from the hotel and into the sometimes bracing sea air, but Brighton complements its splendour well.

Its proximity to Kent makes it an easy destination to get to for a weekend away, and its wealth of theatres, eateries, pubs, clubs and culture should ensure not a minute is wasted.



The Grand Hotel, Brighton

Chris Britcher was a guest of De Vere for two nights, staying in a deluxe sea view double-bedroom at The Grand in Brighton.

Prices for a double room at the Grand start at £130 bed and breakfast in a standard double. For a sea view prices start at £180 and for a deluxe sea view, £250.

Prices are per room per night.

For further information contact De Vere's central reservations at 0845 375 2808. Or find out more at www.grandbrighton.co.uk.

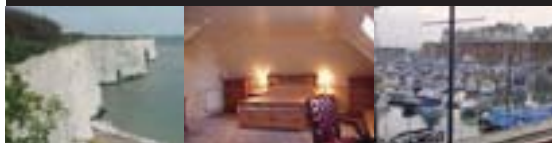


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Auction option more popular

BUYING properties at auction is becoming more popular in the growing desire for competitive prices in the current economic climate.

But there are other benefits too, according to market experts.

Melanie Bien, director of independent mortgage broker Savills Private Finance, said: "The greatest advantage of buying at auction is the certainty.

"If your bid is successful, you exchange contracts on the day of the sale, effectively committing you to the purchase and completion within 28 days, so both buyer and seller know exactly where they stand. The price can't be changed and completion can't be delayed."

But the down side is that you have to be extremely well prepared.

"You must carry out all your due diligence first and have your finance in place," said EI Group's David Sandeman.

"You need to have paid a solicitor to look at the legal documentation and had a survey carried out, because as soon as the hammer falls, you exchange contracts and pay a ten per cent deposit there and then. There is no going back."

A jolly good Fellow

KEVIN Gilbert, of Clive Emson Auctioneers, has been made a Fellow of the National Association of Valuers and Auctioneers.

Experienced Mr Gilbert, pictured right, who is now a director and auctioneer with the company, said: "I am delighted.

"NAVA has recognised my 27 years' experience and knowledge in the world of auctioneering and I will be proud to add these qualifications to my status."



Red tape slashed

THE Government has relaxed planning permission rules for homeowners looking to extend their properties.

Under the changes, people planning to extend for the first time will be able to do so without needing to pay up to £1,000 to be granted specific planning permission.

This means about 80,000 applications will be removed from the planning system each year. However, larger extensions will still need permission.

Housing Minister Caroline Flint said: "I'm scrapping the red tape so it is much easier to convert the loft into that extra bedroom and build an extension."

Buy-to-let landlords feel economic chill

Lettings market has many pitfalls for the unwary

BY NICK AMES

LANDLORDS who buy property to let it out are being warned the current economic situation could mean higher numbers of tenants fall behind on their rent.

Unemployment is set to rise in the coming year as the economy contracts and landlords are being urged to protect themselves.

In recent times, buy-to-let has proved a popular option as more people decide to rent homes rather than commit to a mortgage.

But as redundancies look likely, those landlords who opted to take on properties for that reason could find themselves encountering problems.

Judienne Wood, lettings director at agents Kinleigh Folkard and Hayward, said: "It is inevitable that more tenants will default on their monthly payments as there is no sign of a brightening sky on the horizon of the economic climate and unemployment is rising.

"There is insurance to cover this eventuality and my advice to landlords is to make sure they are covered.

"Another danger landlords should watch out for is an increase in estate agents turning to the lettings market offering cheap deals – there's no truer adage than you get what you pay for."

Other property agents have issued similar warnings while the industry has also seen a shift in supply and demand.

The market could also see tenants getting greater choice as more would-be sellers rent out their home and investors buy properties cheaply to rent out.

Property website Letalife is regarded as one



SIGN OF THE TIMES: The lettings market will remain fragile during 2009, property experts predict

of the top sources of information on this subject.

But its website also has a cautionary note, saying: "These days buy to let appears to be an enticing way to invest your hard-earned money.

"Many people are becoming uncertain about the value and even reliability of some of the previously more conventional methods of generating a retirement income.

"People will always need somewhere to live. So renting out property must be a surefire investment, right?

"Not necessarily. You need to be certain that

you have the right kind of property for the area you are buying into."

Predicting for the future, Ms Wood added: "In 2009 the lettings market will remain fragile. We will continue to see a fall in tenants registering as most will not move unless they really need to.

"Overall, 2009 will not be an easy year for the lettings market. Landlords who have good, well-presented properties close to transport links and who are prepared to be flexible and negotiate on the rental price are likely to find tenants quicker and avoid empty periods more than landlords who hang on for top rents."

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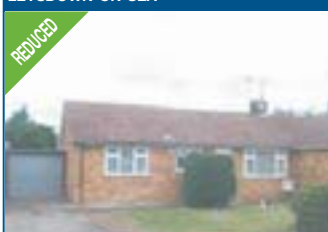
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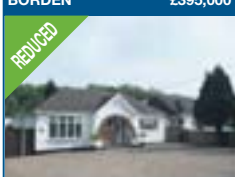
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Getz a bargain ahead of Hyundai i20 debut

LOOK out for discounts on the Getz supermini ahead of the Hyundai i20 launch in January.

The Getz was pivotal for the Korean brand; never cutting edge, it was well-priced and robust and its successor must work hard in the market's key sector as drivers rush to downsize.

The i20 is more aggressively styled than the Getz and has been designed to please UK and European tastes, but pricing will be key and it faces Ford's impressive new Fiesta and likely sector No1. The Ford opens at £8,700 so the i20 needs an entry price about £1,000 less and roughly where the old Getz started.



VW follows up with Passat BlueMotion 2

ORDER books are open for VW's most efficient, economical and environmentally friendly Passat yet, the BlueMotion 2 saloon and estate (from £17,700).

The newcomer carries over and develops eco-friendly features on the existing Passat BlueMotion and gains an automatic stop/start system linked to a 2.0-litre TDI 110 PS (109bhp) diesel instead of the original's 1.9-litre unit.

Economy on this green family/company car range rises from 55.4mpg to an impressive 57.6mpg for the saloon while CO2 emissions drop from 136 g/km to 128 g/km.



Qashqai's flagship special

RECORD sales for the Nissan Qashqai since launch just over a year ago, have prompted this luxurious flagship special Sound & Style (from £19,199) based on the top-of-the-range Tekna.

Extra kit includes 18-inch alloys wheels, exclusive 'Nightshade' paint, Graphite half leather seats with red stitching, alloy pedals and premium Bose sound system.

Nissan will have upmarket and pricier versions of Toyota's sporty RAV4 in its sights for this newcomer.



SUPERSIZE: Now under the General Motors wing, the Matiz has grown in size since its Daewoo days, but it does still live up to the space-efficiency appeal of the old days

Grown-up baby Chevy still asking a tiny levy

WHOEVER authorized the 2005 transmogrification of the original Daewoo Matiz into the Chevrolet version, needs reminding of the phrase: 'if it ain't broke don't fix it'.

The original 1998 design for an affordable five-door city car was the best thing to come out of the Korean Daewoo car making operation, but a relatively big thirst and some silly handling under pressure needed correction.

But Chevy (General Motors) could not leave it there. It also re-drew the little car's profile to look like it had been on that nation's infamous burger diet.

GM said the car became more crash resistant, although a kicked up front window line looks like a shunt caused it.

The interior looked and felt better, but presumed production economies from moving the main clocks to the centre of the dash may have deterred some buyers.

Nevertheless, the basic appeal of the Matiz remains: great space-efficiency, minimal running costs, refinement that belies the car's size, good space for four, even if the rear seats

ROAD TEST CHEVROLET MATIZ

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
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are rather upright, plus very keen prices and decent standard spec from a little over six grand.

The car's relatively long 'wheel-at-each-corner' wheelbase delivers a good ride, although the small wheels still crash over ruts and holes on poor roads.

And if you expected the little car to be caught out at motorway speeds, you would be wrong. The 1.0 model (from £6,995) we tested cruises well at the legal limit, free from much intrusion by engine, wind and road noise.

Tweaking both the 800cc and 1,000cc petrol engines boosted economy by 15 per cent and both should average more than 50mpg, though this is being outclassed by more modern city car designs and only the small engine sneaks into the lowest payable (£35/year) road tax band.

On the other hand, you should balance the fuel and tax demands against the car's purchase and maintenance costs.

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2005	05	Corsa Sxi	12	3	Silver lightening	35,000	5,345	2008	08	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	14	3	Black sapphire	2,595	10,495
2005	55*	Corsa SXI A/c	12	3	Silver lightening	66,975	4,295	2008	08	Astra Sxi Sports Hatch	14	3	Star silver	7,350	10,495
2008	08	New Corsa Club Auto	14	5	Silver lightening	7,850	9,495	2008	08	Astra Breeze CDTi	17D	5	Star silver	9,350	10,495
2008	08	Corsa Breeze	10	5	Black sapphire	1,260	8,995	2008	08	Astra Sxi	16	5	Black sapphire	5,400	9,495
2008	08	Corsa Life A/c CDTi	13D	3	Green spirit	3,530	8,995	2008	08	Astra Sxi CDTi Ext pack	19D	5	Star silver	5,630	13,995
2008	08	Corsa Design CDTi	13D	3	Star silver	4,150	9,995	2008	08	Astra Club Auto	18	5	Star silver	3,460	10,895
2008	08	Corsa Club	12	3	Silver lightening	5,400	7,995	2008	08	Astra Sxi Sports Hatch	14	3	Black sapphire	3,200	9,995
2008	08	Corsa Breeze +	12	3	Silver lightening	2,750	8,495	VECTRA							
2008	08	Corsa VXR	16	3	Arden blue	4,700	13,995	2004	54*	Vectra Life	18	5	Panacotta	80,100	3,995
SIGNUM								2005	05	Vectra Sri	22	5	Star silver	30,550	6,995
2007	57	Signum CDTi Exclusiv Nav	19D	5	Star silver	9,950	14,995	2005	55	Vectra Exclusive CDTi Est	19D	5	Star silver	23,800	8,250
ANTARA								2008	57	Vectra CDTi Exclusive Auto	19D	5	Ultra blue	5,350	12,995
2008	08	Antara S Auto	20	5	Slate blue	5,350	17,995	2008	08	Vectra Exclusive CDTi	19D	5	Silver	9,380	10,995
TIGRA								ZAFIRA							
2006	06	Tigra Exclusiv	14	2	Star silver	15,975	9,995	2003	53*	Zafira Club	18	5	Ultra blue	48,600	4,995
2008	08	Tigra Exclusiv	14	2	Antigua	9,650	11,995	2005	05	Zafira Design	16	5	Silver lightening	36,280	6,695
MERIVA								2005	05	Zafira Life	18	5	Ultra blue	38,250	6,495
2004	04	Meriva Life A/c	16	5	Spearmint silver	43,000	4,695	2005	05	Zafira Design	16	5	Star silver	39,000	6,495
2006	56	Meriva Design CDTi Ext pack	17D	5	Metro blue	29,170	7,995	2005	05	Zafira Life A/c	18	5	Star silver	52,300	6,295
2008	08	Meriva CDTi Breeze +	13D	5	Star silver	3,350	11,995	2005	55	New Zafira Life A/c	16	5	Flame red	31,650	7,995
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AGILA								NON VAUXHALL							
2001	51*	Agila Enjoy	12	5	Green tea	76,350	2,595	2004	04*	Rover 25	14	5	Metallic red	51,050	2,995
ASTRA								2006	56	Hyundai Coupe Atlantic	20	2	Silver	17,200	8,995
2002	02*	Astra Elegance Auto	18	5	Black sapphire	51,700	3,695	COMMERCIAL VEHICLES							
2003	03*	Astra Active	16	5	Star silver	33,350	3,995	2008	58	Corsavan	13 CDTi		White	Delivery	6,995+VAT
2004	04	Astra Club	16	5	Star silver	24,280	5,150	2008	58	Corsavan	13 CDTi		Silver	Delivery	7,995+VAT
2005	55	Astra Breeze	16	5	Silver lightening	38,000	6,995	2008	58	Corsavan	13 CDTi		Silver	Delivery	7,995+VAT
2007	07	Astra Energy Auto	18	5	Star silver	15,300	7,995	2007	57	Combo	13 CDTi		White	Delivery	7,495+VAT
2007	57	Astra Club CDTi Est	13D	5	Panacotta	8,275	11,995	2008	58	Combo	17 CDTi		White	Delivery	8,495+VAT
2007	57	Astra Club CDTi	17D	5	Star silver	10,680	10,295	2008	58	Combo	17 CDTi		White	Delivery	8,995+VAT
2007	57	Astra SRI	18	5	Silver Lightning	9,650	9,995	2008	08	Vivaro	20 CDTi		Black	Delivery	12,495+VAT
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2007	07	Astra SRI Sports Hatch TBO	16	3	Power red	19,235	10,495	2008	58	Vivaro	20 CDTi		Silver	Delivery	11,795+VAT
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2007	57	Astra Breeze	14	5	Star silver	2,325	7,795	2008	58	Vivaro	20 CDTi		Black	Delivery	14,395+VAT
2008	08	Astra SXI	16	5	Black Sapphire	6,300	10,495	2008	58	Vivaro	20 CDTi		Silver	Delivery	14,395+VAT
2008	08	Astra SXI Sports Hatch	14	3	Star Silver	5,000	10,495	DUE SOON							
2008	08	Astra Design	18	5	Black	3,000	11,495	2005	55	Zafira Club	16	5	Silver lightening	43,000	7,145

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AFFORDABLE COUPES

SUPERCARS are all well and good, but you can have fun and cut a dash for a lot less cash in today's faltering used car market where coupes have become particularly affordable. There are also plenty of alternatives, so we have gone for a real budget fun option from Korea's Hyundai, Citroen's stylish Gallic take on the three-door 'coupe' cum family hatchback and a classic yet still attainable thoroughbred from Italy's Alfa Romeo. None should break the bank on running costs either, especially as two are available with diesel power.

HYUNDAI COUPE



ONCE Hyundai sorted out the glitches of early generations, the brand's 'reliable budget four-seat coupe' proposition was bound to take off. The latest is beefier and smarter and confirms what great value the car is. The chassis cannot rival key competitors, but delivers great fun from a modest outlay. For 0-60mph in 8.2 seconds, there is also the 2.7 V6 version. You may also find a car with some of Hyundai's five-year warranty still intact.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

CITROEN C4



CITROEN really needed to pull off something special when it launched its latest family hatch. So the C4 is a far better car than the dull Xsara it replaced and the three-door model has one of the most individual looks on the road. Rakish and racy lines are abruptly curtailed by a chopped and glassy rear end. Balancing such curvaceous yet brutal styling, the C4 is cheap and handles and rides well without the irritating quirkiness of old-style Citroens.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

ALFA GT



THERE is the sense Alfa Romeo's dark days of rusting and reliability problems are gone, yet doubts remain in the minds of most used car buyers – which is good news for anyone prepared to take a calculated risk on the sporty yet practical GT. Slinky styling disguises what is actually a decent 2+2 with a decent hatchback plus a range of sensible and mad engines, including some tweaked versions of smooth and refined diesels courtesy of Alfa's Fiat parent.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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BENTLEY

ARNAGE, red label auto, 2001, blenheim silver with black leather, 39000 miles, £44950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

BMW

6 SERIES, 645CI COUPE, 2004, mystic blue with black dakota leather, 39000 miles, £44950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

CADILLAC

CTS, CTS 3.6 sport luxury v6, 2005, light platinum with black leather, 23379 miles, £12950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

CHEVROLET

CAPTIVA, LTX 2.0 gk08orw, finished in denim blue with black interior, blue, 4000 miles, £22955, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

KALOS, S 1.2 g57tqx, finished in sports blue with black interior blue, 1000 miles, £6295, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

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CHRYSLER

300C, 5.7V8 AUTO estate, 2007, brilliant crystal met with dark and light slate gr, 10577 miles, £18950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

CITROEN

C3, 1.4I DESIRE 5dr, 2005, 1.4i desire 5dr hatch special edition, red, 35728 miles, £5495, Wilmoth's Folkestone, Folkestone, 01303 245 598 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4I DESIRE 5dr, 2005, 1.4i desire 5dr hatch special edition, silver, 22983 miles, £5995, Wilmoth's Folkestone, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

FIAT

COUPE, 2.0 16V, 1995, red, 72451 miles, £1995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, wr07wke, anti-lock brakes, trip computer, black, 4600 miles, £6495, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

FORD

FOCUS, ZETEC, 1999, black, 110000 miles, £2795, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

MUSTANG, 3.8 V6 coupe, 1995, silver, 23579 miles, £5495, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

PUMA, 16V 3DR, 6238079, remote central locking, alarm, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, electric mirrors, silver, 67500 miles, £3995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8555 4000 (TRADE)

HONDA

CIVIC, VISION S 5dr, hv52buu, folding rear seats, rear headrests, head restraints, central locking, immobiliser, power steering, abs, electric front windows, air conditioning, cd player, blue, 21000 miles, £3995, Automatically Ray Morris (Wellings), Wellings, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

HYUNDAI

ACCENT, GSI 5dr, gk52ymp, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, stereo, aluminium silver, 60000 miles, £2699, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

MATRIX, GSI, hv55 crz, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, roof rails, central locking, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, power steering, adjustable steering column, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, silver/green, 17500 miles, £4495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8555 4000 (TRADE)

ISUZU

TROOPER, CITATION 3.5 V6 LWB, 1999 (t), 99 (t) 4x4 Isuzu trooper citation 3.5 v6 lwb auto, 5 door, stunning met green coachwork with contrasting velour trim, service history, twin air bags, 2 & 4 wheel drive, alloy wheels, cd hi-fi, tow bar and twin electric pack, + much more, never taken off road, stunning condition, only £4995 now only £3995, metallic green, 93000 miles, £3995, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

JAGUAR

X-TYPE, 2.2D SOVEREIGN 5dr, g157vfg, adjustable steering column/wheel, alloy wheels, climate control, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, folding rear seats, heated seats, leather seats, navigation system, park distance control, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, rear armrest, remote locking, roof rails, side airbags, radio/cd multichanger, rear headrests, traction control, insurance group:15, grey, 16000 miles, £16999, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

JEEP

GRAND CHEROKEE, 1997, green, 180000 miles, £2995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

KIA

CARENS, 2.0 CRDI GS 5dr, g07jwv, air-conditioning, abs + ebd, air, cd player, insurance group:10, red, 17900 miles, £9994, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

LAND ROVER

DEFENDER, 90 TD5 County Station Wagon, v207gkr, air conditioning, abs, traction control, remote alarm, power steering, rear wash/wipe, side steps, sunroof, alloy wheels, 4x4, high specification vehicle, metallic blue, 41000 miles, £12495, Celtic Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

MAZDA

323, GT 5dr, v674dnu, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, stereo, 15" alloys, aluminium silver, 87000 miles, £2599, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

MERCEDES-BENZ

A CLASS, A150 Avantgarde SE Lwb 5dr, hv55ave, alloy wheels, aluminium silver, 21000 miles, £3995, Automatically Ray Morris (Wellings), Wellings, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

SLK, 1.8 SLK200 Kompressor Convertible 2d 1796cc auto, 56, alloys, phone prep, parktronic, climate, cruise, cd changer, fish, cost new £32,940, cubanite silver with black leather, under 6, 500 miles, £21995, Vikings Canterbury, Canterbury, 01227 711112 (TRADE)

MG

MGF, MG TF LE500 Special Edition 135, 58, petrol, orange, 10 miles, £16388, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

MINI

ONE, 3dr, hv52 ucu, front fog lamps, remote central locking, remote alarm, height adjustable seat, power steering, adjustable steering column, electric front windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, radio, twin air bags, abs, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, salt pack, yellow, 44900 miles, £6995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8555 4000 (TRADE)

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SHOGUN, 3.2 DI-DC Elegance 5dr Auto, newv58, a new 58 reg shogun elegance with diamond styling pack saving, 50 miles, £27994, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

NISSAN

ALMERA, S 5dr Auto, ef04 gfv, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, remote central locking, remote alarm, electric front windows, blue/silver, 46000 miles, £3495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8555 4000 (TRADE)

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PEUGEOT

106, INDEPENDANCE, 2000, green with black, 43968 miles, £2195, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

406, GLX TURBO DIESEL, 1998 (r), 98 (r) peugeot 406 2.1 gtx turbo diesel 5 door saloon, diamond white coachwork with contrasting grey velour trim, service history, mot may 08, air conditioning, ew 4, em, pas, air bags, alloy wheels, only 1 former keeper a snip at £1495 many more quality pre-owned cars for sale on: www.rivieracarsales.co.uk, diamond white, miles, £1495, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

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911, 3.6 CARRERA 2 Tiptronic S Coupe 2d 3596cc auto (2002), 07, 19" turbo alloys, sat nav, phone module, rear parktronic, sports chrono pack, sports seats, sports suspension, base, cd, fish, please view our website to see our full stock, basalt black with black leather, only 3,000 miles, £65000, Vikings Canterbury, Canterbury, 01227 711112 (TRADE)

PROTON

PERSONA, 1.5 GLSi Saloon 4d 1468cc auto, s 1999, electric windows, power assisted steering, drivers airbag, sunroof, remote mirrors, radio cassette, green, miles, £1995, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

RENAULT

CLIO, 1.2 Fdjl Ltd Edn Hatchback 3d 1171cc, k950wei, november 08 mot ideal 1st car, blue, miles, £595.00, DCD Autos, ASHFORD, 01233 642211 (TRADE)

LAGUNA, INITIALE DCI 150, 2006, trim: part leather engine size: 2000 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, storm blue, 18600 miles, £10995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

MEGANA 1.4 MANUAL, 2004 (04), 04 (04) renault megane 1.4 authentique, 5 door hatchback, immaculate metallic grey coachwork with black fleck sports trim, only 34000 miles, full m/v history, beautiful condition £4995, metallic grey, £4995, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

ROVER

200, 216 Cabriolet, 1997, grey, 0 miles, £1295, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

SAAB

9-3, SE TURBO COUPE 3dr, i152mwn, remote central locking, full leather, head restraints, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, radio, 15" alloys, black, 75000 miles, £4999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

SAN

SANTA FE, 2.7 V6 Station Wagon 5d 2656cc auto, y676eak, abs braking system, alloy wheels, air conditioning, electric sunroof / windows & mirrors, leather interior, foglights, power steering, remote locking, height adjustable driver's seat, 4 x 4, radio / cd, folding rear seats, gold metallic, 33000 miles, £4995, E-SSURED Cars UK, Broadstairs, 0845 6447751 (TRADE)

SEAT

IBIZA, 12V 5dr, gn03eza, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, stereo, blue, 29000 miles, £3999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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TOYOTA

AVGO, 1.0 VVT-i + 3dr, 2006, 1.0 vvt-i + 3dr hatch, grey, 14726 miles, £5995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

COROLLA, VIDA VTI, 2000, red, 0 miles, £2695, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

COROLLA, 2.0 T3 D-4d, ir55olg, immobiliser, remote central locking, parking sensor, electric windows, rear headrests, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, roof rails, radio, cd player, alloy wheels, silver, 68000 miles, £5990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

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VAUXHALL

ASTRA, BREEZE 1598cc 5 door, 2005, cd player abs brakes air conditioning central locking approved multiple airbags power steering history check immobiliser electric windows, star silver, 38000 miles, £6995, Pamphrey's of Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

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Salary: £20,225 to £26,123 pa

Band: 5

Hours: 20

Location: Pilgrims Hospice, Ashford

Ref: 767-ASH219

Closing date: 18/11/08

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Location: Broadstairs

Ref: 767-ECC603

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Band: 5

Hours: 37.5

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Roger House, chairman in Kent and Medway, said: "During these difficult times it is important for business owners to have sound advice so they can make the right decisions for the good of their business."

"The FSB will continue to lobby the Government to ensure small businesses are given appropriate support."

The Kent and Medway branch of the organisation is holding its annual conference and meeting at Darwin College, University of Kent at Canterbury, on Thursday.

Although the AGM will be for members only, any small-business owners in Kent are welcome at the conference, which is titled 'Are you future-proof?'

Speakers are Professor Roger Vickerman, head of the Department of European Economics at UKC; Ivan Perkovic, head of Economic Research for Seeda, Tony Allen, regional director of Train to Gain; and Bob Jones, the managing director of Business Link.

For more details, phone regional officer Fran Smith on 01622 688134 (email fran.smith@fsb.org.uk) or regional organiser Andrew Aves on 01227 470102 (email andrew.aves@fsb.org.uk).

Half-day workshops

TOUGH trading times represent a new challenge for many small-business owners in Kent, so Business Link is holding half-day workshops across the county until Monday, November 24.

Developed by leading small-business adviser and best-selling author Bob Gorton, the workshop, called Boost Your Sales and Profits and Attract More Customers, provides useful answers for boosting profits in rough times.

Places are available for morning, afternoon and, in some instances, evening workshops.

To book a place or for further information on any of the support and guidance available from Business Link, phone the customer service team on 0845 6009006.

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Working from home is no comfort zone

BY TONY PATEY



SITTING PRETTY: But home-based businesses need special insurance cover

HOME-BASED businesses such as eBay trading are set to boom as cash-strapped people look for secondary incomes to make ends meet.

But nearly one million home-workers are apparently unwittingly putting themselves at severe financial risk by wrongly believing they are covered by existing home-contents policies.

Research from online insurance provider Insurantz.com, which has Kent clients, found nearly half of Britain's 2.1 million home-workers fail to get any business insurance at all, risking loss of livelihood, heavy fines and crippling legal fees if things go wrong.

Nearly 1,400 home businesses launch every week and the credit crunch will spur further growth in the sector. Sites such as eBay have spawned a generation of more than 180,000 'eBaypreneurs' in the UK, who use the internet either as a primary or secondary source of income.

James Pickering, managing director, said: "In the current economic climate setting up a home business can offer individuals or families a great way to supplement their income and cope with rising costs, but it's dangerous to think the process is simply a matter of getting a laptop and an internet connection."

"The reality is that, from an insurance perspective at least, home business owners face exactly the same risks as any other businesses."

In a recent survey, the firm found home-workers are the least likely of any sector to have insurance.

Many home business owners wrongly believe their home contents insurance provides the cover they need, when in reality most standard home insurance policies exclude any business activity run from home.

With many eBay entrepreneurs using equipment and keeping stock in a spare room at home, losses can quickly become crippling if disaster strikes. A home insurer may even have the right to turn a significant claim down such as theft, damage or arson as a result of running a business from home.

The firm also believes many online traders are unaware of their obligation to protect customers under legislation such as the Sale of Goods Act.

A significant number fail to take out product liability insurance, which could safeguard them from legal action or loss of revenue in the event a customer is injured or their property damaged.

Mr Pickering said: "There's definitely a good deal of confusion surrounding the responsibility that business owners have to deliver goods that are both fit for purpose and of satisfactory quality."

"Ultimately the buck could stop with the seller, so businesses trading on eBay need protection to prevent financial penalties and even legal action if the goods they are selling turn out to be faulty, or worse, dangerous."

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ON TARGET: Lee Shearer strike put Faversham ahead

Faversham saved by 'crazy' winner

FOOTBALL

Greenwich Borough 1

See-fah 92

Faversham Town 2

Shearer 45, Guiver 94

THERE were dramatic scenes at Harrow Meadow at the weekend after Roy Guiver's late strike earned Faversham Town maximum points on the road.

Town skipper Lee Shearer opened the scoring on the stroke of half-time, but the fireworks really started in the last minute of the game.

The home side equalised in the 92nd minute, but the Lilywhites showed their resolve in going back up the other end of the pitch and

scoring what proved to be a dramatic winner.

Tom Hickman's cross was met by substitute Roy Guiver and the former Hythe and Herne Bay forward let fly with an audacious volley that was destined for the top corner. However, the Greenwich goalkeeper somehow managed to produce a fantastic save but as both he and the ball landed, it came back off the Borough stopper and rolled into the corner of the net.

Manager Justin Luchford said: "It was absolutely crazy. Everyone thought he had saved it and didn't follow it up. I haven't seen scenes like that for a while, the whole bench was up and people were celebrating all over the pitch."

"With what has been happening at the club this week, we needed to show some togetherness and character and we did that."

"The result spoke volumes about this side."

Faversham dominated the first half but

Faversham starting XI



Subs used: Guiver (Abel, 83), McKenna (Luchford, 75), Hetherley (O'Brien, 75)

missed a whole host of chances before Shearer struck. The win has moved Town up to fifth in the Kent League and Luchford had nothing but praise for his players.

He said: "It was a workmanlike performance, but I also think it was the best result of the season so far."

Court in touch with leaders after goalfest

GORE Court remain second in South Hockey League 2 after a ten-goal thriller with Wycombe at the weekend.

The Sittingbourne side drew 5-5 thanks to goals from Aaron Glass, Paul Surridge, Adam Hart and a Greg Laurensen brace.

Elsewhere, Old Bordenians were beaten 2-0 by Horsham as they dropped to tenth place in the Kent/Sussex Regional League.

The Sittingbourne Old Boys return to action on Saturday when they make the trip to Bexley to take on BBHC.

Gore Court take on Henley at home with a chance to go top of the division if they win.

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Gills boss Mark Stimson talks about his FA Cup hopes for Gillingham this season

Sheer frustration as islanders lose again

IT WAS another frustrating weekend for Sheerness East after the islanders were beaten for the 11th game in a row.

East's game was one of only four Kent County League games to ahead due to weather as they lost 2-1 to Stansfield O & B Club.

The defeat means East are yet to pick up a point at all this season.

Milton & Fulston United's game with Snodland was postponed due to the inclement weather.

AFC Sheppey kept up the pressure on leaders Canterbury City with a narrow 2-1 win at home to bottom side, Lydd Town. Sheppey have moved up to second spot. The islanders are away to Kennington in the Inter-Regional Challenge Cup on Saturday.

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Town hope to keep hold of star players despite wage cut

FOOTBALL

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

FAVERSHAM Town manager Justin Luchford is confident his squad will stick together after he was forced to tell some of his players they will not be paid.

The Lilywhites committee have decided to cut the club's wage bill which has meant Luchford has had to trim his player budget.

He told some of the club's players at midweek training that they will not be paid "for the foreseeable future" while others are likely to have their expenses cut.

The Town boss insisted that none of his players have been released and hopes they will agree to play for the club without being paid.

He told Yourswale: "By no way does this mean the club is in trouble. The good things is that Faversham is a club that is run correctly, there are no overdrafts or overhanging debts and no issues off the pitch."

"Gates are down everywhere, and with us having just one home game in the next five weeks, the committee have decided to show some caution. Hopefully we will turn the corner and things will improve after Christmas."

Debts

"I do not want anyone to go. I will be doing everything I can to keep players at the club. It is not the kind of situation you want to be in but it is not only us, everyone in the Kent League is being affected."

With Folkestone Invicta and Margate facing Inland Revenue debts, Faversham Town's committee have decided to tighten their belts in the lead up to Christmas to ensure the Salters Lane club run Town without any debt.

While Luchford concedes it will alert the whole of the Kent League to their situation, he is confident his players will unite behind the club and stay at Salters Lane.

He said: "I'm confident I will keep 95 per cent of my players, especially the big ones."

"I have not received any seven day approaches for any of our players, although I am not going to say I am not expecting any."

"I have heard internet rumours that Damian Abel is going to Folkestone or Hythe, but I can tell you he is not going anywhere."

There is some good news for Town fans though as Tom Hickman's loan deal from Margate has been extended by another month and striker Lynden Rowland is expected to return to training this week. The forward, who signed from Maidstone United in pre-season, hasn't started a game for the Lilywhites due to injury. However, although he could return to the side in the next few weeks, Luchford conceded the club might not be able to afford to keep him.



CONFIDENT: Justin Luchford says Faversham players will stay, despite club's decision to stop paying some of them

Injury-hit Bourne hold on to stay in the race

FOOTBALL

BY PETER PITTS

Burgess Town 1

Gainsford 29

Sittingbourne 1

Glover 84

A LATE equaliser from Bryan Glover has kept Sittingbourne in the play-off hunt.

Brickies manager Gary Abbott was without leading scorer Richard Brady and influential defender Ian Varley, which meant a start for Jack Haverson in defence and Tom Bradbrook was left to cut a lone figure up front.

Bradbrook created plenty of problems for the Hillians, mainly in the first half, but the Brickies are just not the same team without the clever Brady. Ellie Kayembe joined the fray for most of the second half and he too tried hard but with little reward. Burgess Hill Town have recovered from an indifferent start to their league campaign and have gained some pedigree this year having beaten two Conference South teams in the FA Cup.

Sittingbourne started brightly but it was the Hillians who will feel that they should have won the game even after defender Matt Piper was sent off in the 14th minute for bringing down Bradbrook when he was clean through on goal. The home side took the lead after 29 minutes when John Landsdale's long throw was headed into the net by Danny Gainsford.

This combination was to plague Sittingbourne throughout the game and



Picture CHRIS REGAN

ON HIS OWN: Tom Bradbrook was lone striker for Bourne

Gainsford had the ball in the net again but the effort was ruled out because of a foul off the ball. Sittingbourne had to thank goalkeeper Matt Read for making three outstanding saves and keeping them in the game. Burgess Hill also hit a post in the second half, but one thing about Sittingbourne this season is that they seldom give up and just as it seemed that Burgess Hill would claim all three points, the visitors struck.

With just six minutes to play Sittingbourne piled forward in numbers and Glover fired through a ruck of players and into the net to claim his side's first draw on the road, and to maintain their impressive record of just one

Sittingbourne starting XI



Subs: Kayembe (Milton, 48), Manners (Glover, 89), Horlock (Richmond, 73)

league defeat away from Bourne Park. Sittingbourne have slipped to tenth in the league table but are just a single point from a play-off place and with games in hand over teams above them.

RUGBY



Picture IOR WAPCO

ON WAY BACK: Sittingbourne's return to form continued

Battling Bourne hold on to subdue plucky Erith

Sittingbourne 16 Erith 8

SITTINGBOURNE continued their resurgence in Kent 1 with a narrow win over Erith at the weekend.

Bourne started well and spent much of the first period in the Erith half, but never created the space to really threaten the away side's line.

With Roo Nanson cleaning up a lot of the loose ball at the back, Erith were never able to really clear their lines, as the ball was returned with interest either through clever territory-gaining kicks, or strong running.

Despite Bourne generally having the ascendancy, the half-time whistle blew with the scoreboard reading 0-0.

The second half was only ten minutes old when Bourne eventually broke the deadlock.

A series of drives in their own half saw the Bourne pack take the ball up to the halfway line, where it was fed out to centre Chris Nanson. He then carved his way through the Erith midfield and expertly offloaded to fly-half Scott Truss who side-stepped the full-back and sprinted over the line.

With Truss converting, Bourne were up and running. A Truss penalty five minutes later gave the home side some breathing space and they looked like extending this further but were thwarted by some resolute Erith defending.

It was Erith who came out of this period with points on the board, as a wide pass on the edge of their 22 found their left winger in space and he powered his way through a couple of covering tackles and sped over in the corner.

At 10-5 Erith were again within a converted try of the home side and Bourne needed to put the next points on the board and winger, Adam Spokes, made sure this happened.

A loose clearance kick from the Erith fly-half found Spokes about 30 metres out and wide near the left touchline, but this field position didn't hinder him as he launched an excellent drop goal between the posts.

However, Erith were soon back on the board again, as a long penalty kick brought the scores to 13-8.

With time running out, Bourne were awarded another kickable penalty and Truss duly obliged to earn Bourne two points.

LEAGUE TABLES

(Not including midweek games)

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Kingstonian	15	11	3	1	+23	36
2 Metropolitan Police	16	7	7	2	+11	28
3 Cray Wanderers	15	8	3	4	+6	27
4 Folkestone Invicta	16	7	5	4	+4	26
5 Godalming Town	15	7	3	5	+10	24
6 Worthing	13	7	3	3	+7	24
7 Dulwich Hamlet	14	7	3	4	+6	24
8 Fleet Town	13	6	5	2	+11	23
9 Merstham	14	7	2	5	+1	23
10 Sittingbourne	14	7	2	5	-1	23
11 Eastbourne Town	15	6	3	6	+4	21
12 Walton & Hersham	15	6	3	6	0	21
13 Ashford Town	16	4	7	5	+5	19
14 Burgess Hill Town	13	5	4	4	+5	19
15 Leatherhead	14	5	3	6	-9	18
16 Whitstable Town	16	4	2	10	-19	14
17 Whyteleafe	13	4	1	26	-7	13
18 Corinthian Casuals	16	3	4	9	-11	13
19 Crowborough	14	3	3	8	-9	12
20 Walton Casuals	14	3	3	8	-10	12
21 Chipstead	13	2	4	7	-17	10
22 Croydon Athletic	14	2	3	9	-10	9

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Holmesdale	13	9	2	2	+13	29
2 Tunbridge Wells	12	9	0	3	+10	27
3 Hythe Town	11	8	2	1	+15	26
4 Erith & Belvedere	8	6	1	1	+4	19
5 Faversham Town	10	6	0	4	+10	18
6 Herne Bay	11	5	1	5	+5	16
7 Greenwich Borough	11	5	1	5	-2	16
8 Norton Sports	11	5	1	5	-5	16
9 Deal Town	11	4	3	4	0	15
10 Erith Town	8	4	1	3	+6	13
11 Croydon	10	4	1	5	0	13
12 Sevenoaks Town	11	3	4	4	-2	13
13 Slade Green	11	3	2	6	-4	11
14 Beckenham Town	13	3	2	8	-5	11
15 VCD Athletic	9	3	1	11	0	10
16 Lordswood	9	1	0	8	-15	3
17 Sporting Bengal	9	0	0	9	-30	0

FIXTURES (Saturday): Ryman Division One South - Sittingbourne v Metropolitan Police; Kent League Premier Division - Beckenham v Norton Sports; Faversham Town v Sporting Bengal

Well organised Norton bag fifth league win on the trot

FOOTBALL

Slade Green 0

Norton Sports 1

Green 45

NORTON Sports extended their unbeaten league run to five games after a well deserved win at Slade Green.

Green had the slight advantage at the start, using the width of the pitch to try to get some pacy wingers in behind the Norton defence, but for all their possession they failed to create any clear-cut chances.

On 15 minutes Norton opened up the Green defence with some good passing and Tony Clark's drive from the edge of the area was well saved by the home goalkeeper.

Norton's pace and direct running began to create other openings but they failed to capitalise on the chances. Just as it seemed they would have to settle for being level at the break, midfielder Michael Green picked up the ball in the centre of midfield, slipped past a couple of defenders and hit a great shot into the top corner from the edge of the box.

Norton expected the home side to come out all guns blazing, but the first 15 minutes descended into a midfield stalemate.

As the half progressed, Norton looked the more likely to score as Green were being frustrated by the hard working Norton midfield and well organised back four. In fact it was the Green goalkeeper who had to make a couple of saves late in the game. Despite more than five minutes of added time,



Picture IOR WAPCO

SO CLOSE: James Brincat nearly scored late on for Norton

Norton starting XI



Subs used: Rivett (Green), Trabelsi (Sharman), H Goodger (Price)

Norton stayed in control to take the three points which moves them up to eighth in the Kent League.

• Norton were in action at home to Deal Town last night. For a report and reaction, visit www.yourswale.co.uk.

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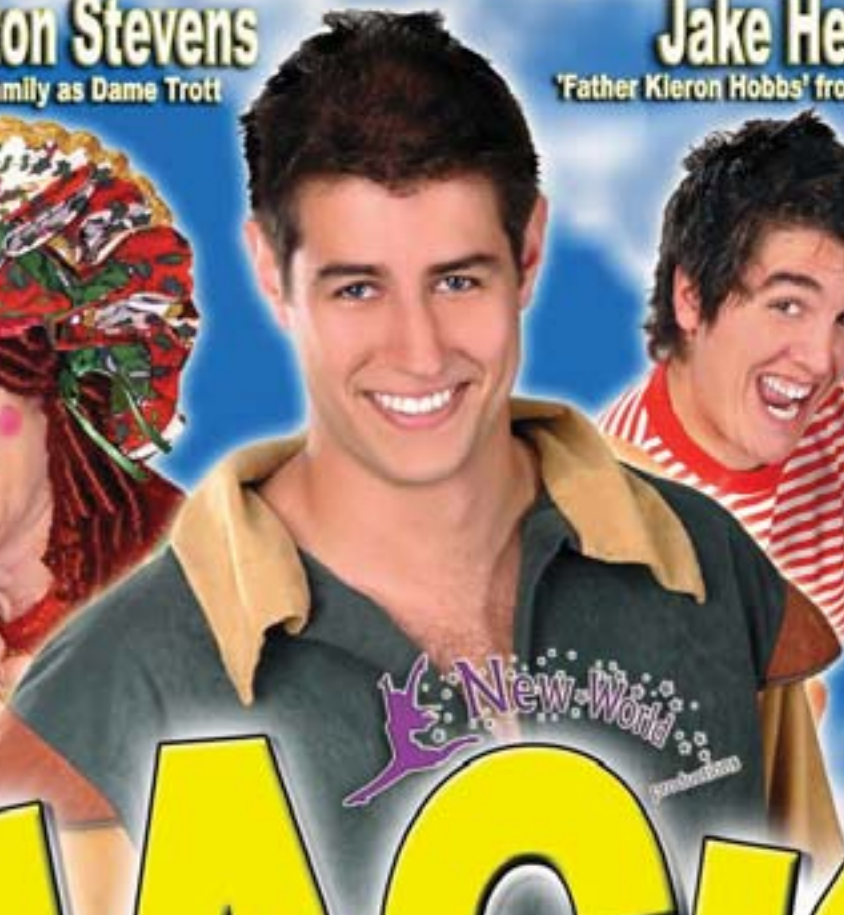
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